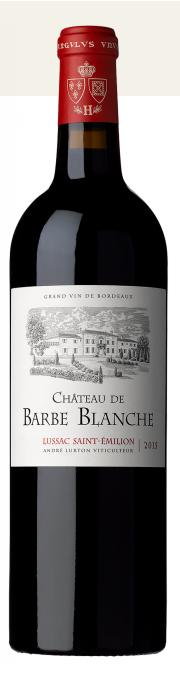
# Château de BARBE BLANCHE



# Château de Barbe Blanche Red 2015

AOC Lussac-Saint-Emilion, Bordeaux, France

# PRESENTATION

At Château de Barbe Blanche, the word "terroir" takes on its full meaning. Situated in the heart of the Lussac-Saint-Émilion appellation, the vineyard is planted on a plateau of asteriated limestone, typical of the Saint-Émilion region. This rock provides ideal conditions and contributes to the high quality of its wines. The wine is full-bodied on the mid-palate, with a mellow tannic structure, roundness and hints of lightly toasted fruit. It is a fine, elegant wine with good ageing potential.?

# THE VINTAGE

### WEATHER CONDITIONS

2015 was the third warmest year since 1900... Drought conditions, above-average monthly temperatures and sunshine (in the first half of the year), cool nights and hot weather in August accompanying véraison (colour change) were all ideal for the vines!

### HARVEST

09/24/2015

# THE WINE

# VARIETALS

Merlot 80%, Cabernet franc 20%

ALCOHOL CONTENT

# 15 % vol.

## TASTING

Brilliant garnet-red, almost black. Beautifully intense, aromatic, spicy bouquet. Attractive aromas of red and black fruit (morello cherry, blackcurrant), as well as vanilla nuances, are released with aeration.

Round and smooth on the palate, going on to reveal fruity flavours matching the bouquet, along with smoky and vanilla hints on the finish. A rich, powerful, and eminently enjoyable wine.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

2015 Château de Barbe Blanche is in its element with roast lamb, duck confit, and veal.

# SERVING

Serve between 15°C and 17°C

## AGEING POTENTIAL

5 to 10 years





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# THE VINEYARD

### TERROIR

On a clay-limestone shelf with about 1 meter of clay on the surface. At the foot of the hills, clay-siliceous soil with light sand.

### SURFACE AREA OF THE VINEYARD

69.18 ac

### AGE OF VINES

32 years old

### IN THE VINEYARD

Pruning type: Double guyot Grape Harvest: Machine harvest with sorting and selection at the winery

## **REVIEWS AND AWARDS**

# THE CELLAR

### WINEMAKING

In stainless-steel temperature-controlled tanks. Approximately 3 weeks (subject to vintage and ripeness of tannins).

### AGEING

For 12 months in oak barrels (50% new) with racking each trimester.

JAMESSUCKLING.COM T	"Lovely spice and chocolate character to this fruity and firm red. Excellent from the appellation. Medium to full body. Juicy finish. Drink in 2020." James Suckling, 03/02/2018	92/100
Terre de Vins	"Seems oaky at first on the nose, then goes on to reveal black fruit (blackberry) and smoky aromas. Juicy and fresh on the palate thanks to good acidity, and has a long aftertaste." Terre de vins, 05/05/2016	
Le Point	"Coup de coeur : red fruit, raspberry, vibrant, very aromatic, fresh, long, and elegant." Jacques Dupont, Le Point, 26/04/2016	16,5/20



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