

Baron de Badassière,
Sauvignon Blanc IGP Côtes de Thau 2024
Pomérols, Languedoc, France



BARON DE BADASSIÈRE



PRODUCER

The Baron de Badassière wines come from Picpoul de Pinet, an appellation near the coast in the Languedoc. Its name derives from the Badassière vineyard, situated near the small town of Pomérols, which in the 18th century belonged to Baron Charles Emmanuel, a colourful character rumoured to be the illegitimate son of King Louis XV. These wines are made exclusively for Liberty Wines at the Cave de Pomérols cooperative by winemaker Marguerite Vasseur and New Zealand consultant Matt Thomson.

VINEYARDS

The vines are located on clay-limestone terraces which overlook the Etang de Thau - the largest of a string of lagoons that stretch along the French coast from the Rhône River to the foothills of the Pyrenées. They enjoy a Mediterranean climate, tempered by maritime influences given the proximity to the Etang de Thau. The grapes are both machine and hand harvested.

VINTAGE

The 2024 vintage in the Languedoc proved challenging, with an unusually wet spring followed by damaging late frosts and hailstorms that created uneven development and increased mildew pressure. These adverse conditions resulted in significantly reduced yields across the region, though the grapes demonstrated remarkable resilience.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were pressed in a pneumatic press and underwent several hours of skin contact prior to fermentation in order to maximise flavour extraction from the aromatic Sauvignon Blanc grapes. A cool fermentation at 15°C helped to preserve the fresh fruit flavours. The wine did not undergo malolactic fermentation and there was no oak ageing. As a result, the style of the wine is pure, fresh and aromatic.

TASTING NOTES

This Sauvignon Blanc is pale yellow in colour with lifted citrus fruit aromas on the nose as well as a touch of elderflower. The racy palate has apple, lemon and stone fruit character. The wine is medium bodied and has a refreshing, long finish.

Grape Varieties	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Winemaker	Marguerite Vasseur
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	12%
Residual Sugar	2.22g/L
Acidity	5.81g/L
Wine pH	3.29
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan