

Baron de Badassière,
Viognier IGP Côtes de Thau 2024
Eastern Languedoc, 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 Pomérol, 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 Pyrénées. 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 macerated on their skins for several hours before pressing. The must was then fermented in stainless-steel tanks at a controlled temperatures. No malolactic fermentation took place and the wine was bottled early to retain freshness and delicate aromatics.

TASTING NOTES

This Viognier is made in a fresh, modern style. It offers subtle aromas of almond and honey on the nose. Rounded on the palate, with guava and apricot flavours, it is balanced by a refreshing acidity on the finish.

Winemaker	Marguerite Vasseur
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	0.4g/L
Acidity	4.97g/L
Wine pH	3.58
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan