

Baron de Badassière,
Picpoul de Pinet 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 Picpoul grapes for this wine come from selected vineyards around the Étang de Thau, planted on clay and limestone soils. The region benefits from a sunny, warm climate that enables the grapes to reach perfect levels of ripeness, while coastal breezes help to retain freshness and aromatics.

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. Picpoul in particular benefited from the difficult conditions, producing wines with fresh acidity and concentrated aromatic intensity.

VINIFICATION

The grapes arrived at the winery in the early morning and were gently pressed in the pneumatic press. The must was then cold settled for 48 hours, racked and then fermented in cement and stainless steel for about two weeks at controlled temperatures of between 13-14°C. Unoaked, the wine was bottled early to retain freshness and delicate aromatics.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is pale lemon in colour. On the nose, it has aromas of grapefruit, lemon, lime and subtle floral notes. On the palate, it has a nice texture, with a good balance of zesty acidity and saline minerality.

Grape Varieties	100% Picpoul
Winemaker	Jean-Luc Lavengne
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13%
Residual Sugar	0.4g/L
Acidity	5.96g/L
Wine pH	3.32
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan