

Baron de Badassière,
Carignan 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 Carignan grapes for this wine are sourced from vineyards located on low-lying hills within the Bassin de Thau, a string of lagoons that moderate the climate in surrounding areas. The vines are planted on clay and limestone soils. With little rain during the summer months, gentle breezes from both the lagoons and the Mediterranean Sea help to reduce evaporation rates in the vineyard and consequently lower vine stress.

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

A pre-fermentation maceration on the skins took place for seven days to give a ruby, cherry red colour and berry flavours, followed by fermentation at controlled temperatures of between 17 and 24°C, with regular pumping over.

TASTING NOTES

This lighter expression of Carignan displays a nose of fresh crushed cherries. The palate is fruit-forward and crisp, the acidity carries through the juicy finish.

Grape Varieties	100% Carignan
Winemaker	Marguerite Vasseur
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	12%
Residual Sugar	2.19g/L
Acidity	4.74g/L
Wine pH	3.52
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan