

# Château Mauvesin Barton 2021

CSPC# 102702

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

**Grape Variety**

52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 48% Merlot

**Appellation**

Moulis en Médoc

**Website**

<http://www.mauvesin-barton.com/>

**Sustainability**

Environmental protection is key in each of the family's estates. At Château Léoville Barton, as at Château Langoa Barton, over 12% of the vineyard is farmed organically, with no synthetic products. It is with this same respect for Nature that Château Mauvesin Barton has chosen integrated agricultural methods.

**General Info**

While the creation of Chateau Mauvesin Barton is a recent event, the chateau and vineyard date back several hundred years. In fact, Chateau Mauvesin Barton was created in 1457. The chateau on the property, which is now used as the residence for Lilian Barton and her family was built in 1853. For most of its life, the property produced wine that was sold as Chateau Mauvesin. But when the estate was purchased in 2011 from the Baritault de Carpia family by the Barton family. The Baritault family is the related to the Capbern Gasqueton family that recently sold Chateau Calon Segur in the St. Estèphe appellation. The Barton family own the famous St. Julien estates; Chateau Leoville Barton and Chateau Langoa Barton. They altered the name of the chateau and winery to reflect the change in ownership to Chateau Mauvesin Barton. Interestingly, Lilian Barton was not going to add her family name to the historic chateau, but when she discovered that Chateau Mauvesin was already a trademarked name in China, she changed the name of the estate to Chateau Mauvesin Barton.

Prior to being sold to the Barton family, the property was in the hands of the Baritault de Carpia family for several hundred years. Once the purchase was finalized, the new owners, Lilian Barton and her husband Michel Sartorius began a serious restoration and renovation of the entire estate, including the chateau, wine making facilities, cellars, and vineyard. In the cellars of Chateau Mauvesin Barton, for the first time, the wines are now vilified in temperature-controlled, stainless-steel tanks.

**Winemaker**

Bruno Petit

**Vintage**

The mild and rainy winter awakens the vines in a homogeneous way with an early ripening. A few plots of merlot in the lowest part of the hilltops of the estate are impacted by the frost during the month of April. The spring was not sunny but rainy until the end of May. This imposes a slow pace of growth. At the beginning of June, the return of sunlight and the sudden spike in temperatures ensures the smooth flow of the flowering on almost the entire estate. Some merlots, the most sensitive ones, are affected by "coulure". Mid-June, from the fruit set, a capricious weather forecast punctuated by a number of rainy episodes will be installed until the end of the "veraison" at the beginning of August. It will be necessary to wait for the summer to be finally here with 4 weeks of magical weather which could permit us to catch up with the delay of the ripeness. The right ripeness of the plots only arrives the last week of September. At the beginning of October, the cabernet sauvignon expresses at last their full potential, the freshness and tension remind us of historical great vintages.

**Vineyards**

The vineyard is situated in the "Moulis-en-Médoc" appellation, to the north of Bordeaux, on the left bank of the Gironde estuary. Part of the soil is clay-gravel, perfectly adapted for the development of Cabernet-Franc and Merlot. Another part is made up of fine gravel and gritty sand, allowing the Cabernet Sauvignon to reach full ripeness.

As for all the Barton family activities, great importance is attached to environmental protection and the quality of the wines produced. The 46 hectares of vines comprise 54% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Cabernet Franc. The vines are on average close to 35 years of age.

**Harvest**

From 30 September to 11 October

**Vinification/  
Maturation**

The younger vines are picked by hand. After careful selection, the grapes are placed in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats for the fermentation and maceration phase. The ageing process lasts 12 to 15 months, in French oak barrels of which one third are new. The casks rest on a gravel bed to regulate humidity.



<b>Tasting Notes</b>	With a deep and bright ruby red color, this wine reveals a unique expression from the first glance. On the nose, it offers a captivating aromatic bouquet, with notes of ripe red fruits, such as cherries and plums, mixed with elegant aromas of cedar, tobacco, and spices, which reflect the influence of terroir and barrel aging. On the palate, Château Mauvesin Barton 2021 displays a firm and well-balanced structure, with soft tannins and a refreshing acidity that enhances the freshness of the fruit. The flavors of blackberries and currants are complemented by hints of vanilla and licorice, creating a complex and enveloping taste experience that lingers on the palate.
<b>Serve with</b>	Best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes.
<b>Production</b>	5,300 cases made
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2024-2032.
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>88 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - January 2024</p> <p><b>86-88 points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - May 2022</p> <p><b>91-92 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2022</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - March 2022</p> <p><b>87 points</b> - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - May 2022</p> <p><b>86 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2024</p> <p><b>86-88 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2022</p> <p><b>89-91 points</b> - Neal Martin, Vinous - May 2022</p> <p><b>88-90 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - May 2022</p> <p><b>87-88 points</b> - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2022</p> <p><b>16.5 points</b> - Matthew Jukes - August 2022</p> <p><b>87 points</b> - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2022</p> <p><b>90 points</b> - Vert de Vin - July 2022</p> <p><b>90-91 points</b> - Bettane &amp; Desseauve (score only) - May 2022</p>
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>"A fresh, unadorned style, with red currant and damson plum notes infused with black tea and sandalwood accents. Stylish. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Drink now through 2029. 5,300 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"The 2021 Mauvesin Barton is a blend of 52% Cabernet Sauvignon and 48% Merlot, with yields of only 20 hl/ha due to frost. Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, it features bold notes of redcurrant preserves, Morello cherries, and wild strawberries, plus hints of lavender, wild thyme, and pencil shavings. The medium-bodied palate delivers a firm, grainy texture, and oodles of freshness to support the intense red berry layers, finishing with a skip in its step."</i> - LPB, Wine Independent</p> <p><i>"A pretty wine with currant, cherry, and some spices, such as nutmeg. Subtle this year. Medium body."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"Precise and sharp on the palate but in a detailed way where you get pristine fruit and such detail on show. The fruit is high-toned, the cherry, raspberry and strawberry coming through and giving good energy from start to finish. Almost weightless in the integration of the tannins, silky and finessed. Super fruit forward with balanced acidity, a playfulness to this, charming but also there is concentration and an intensity of direction with an linear, focused line all the way through. Nice work this year full of interest."</i> - GH, Decanter.com</p> <p><i>"This is light but well done with balance and careful extraction of gentle, soft berry fruits. Hardly any tannic frame at all, this is working with not against the vintage, careful winemaking if a little soft on the finish."</i> - JA, janeanson.com</p> <p><i>"Light in fruit, and light on the palate with savory herbs and red currants front and center from start to finish. This uncomplicated easy-drinker will be ready on release. There is a nice little dab of cocoa on the backend of the finish that adds to the wine. Drink from 2024-2029."</i> - JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p> <p><i>"Medium-bodied, the wine is earthy, savory, and herbal, with strong underbrush and roasted, herb leaning on the palate and in the crisp finish. Drink this on the young side. Drink from 2023-2029."</i> - JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p>

**Reviews** *“The 2021 Mauvesin Barton was picked from 30 September until 11 October and aged in one-third new oak. There is more Cabernet this year (52%) due to frost damage. It has a vibrant nose with black cherries, bilberry, and perhaps more floral scents than I have encountered apropos previous vintages. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grain tannins, not a deep or powerful Moulis, yet well-balanced and surfeit with freshness, a pleasant bitter swerve on the finish.”*  
- NM, Vinous

*“The 2021 Mauvesin Barton, the Barton family's Moulis, is a soft, fruity wine to drink now and over the next decade. Sweet red cherry fruit, cedar, pipe tobacco and incense give this mid-weight Moulis lovely aromatic presence.”*  
- AG, Vinous

*“The 2021 Château Mauvesin Barton is both darker and richer, with more black cherry fruits as well as medium-bodied richness and depth, good acidity, and supple tannins. It's a charming, balanced, enjoyable wine.”*  
- Jeb Dunnuck

*“This classic Mauvesin has generous, pure, resonant fruit and a seamless palate. You are treated to a smooth, ripe mid-palate that shows no sign of introversion nor of a willingness to be bigger, wider, hotter, or longer. It is perfectly balanced and nicely refreshing, and the fruit theme of black cherries and plums is enticing. 16.5.”*  
- Matthew Jukes

*“The nose is fruity and offers a fine concentration. There are notes of strawberry, crushed berries and, to a lesser extent, star anise, combined with hints of violet, fresh blond tobacco, a subtle hint of peony, camphor, and discreet hints of sweet spices. The palate is fruity and reveals freshness, minerality, good definition, juiciness, and an acidic backbone. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of pulpy/juicy cherry, bright raspberry and slightly crushed red currant combined with hints of lily, racy minerality as well as fine nuances of violet, almost saline gravel, and a subtle hint of liquorice.”*  
- Vert de Vin

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