Château Barde-Haut 2019

CSPC# 872853 750mlx12 14.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety 75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc.

Appellation St. Emilion

Classification Promoted to Grand Cru Classé, in the 2012 classification of Saint-Emilion wine

Website http://www.chateaubardehaut.com

Sustainability Organic.

With respect for the environment, the vineyard is worked according to the principles of sustainable viticulture, with regular ploughing of the soil and manual harvesting. Since 2011, major investments have been made with the acquisition of new cellars

and equipment to optimise environmental protection.

General Info This property was bought by Sylviane Garcin-Cathiard in September 2000, Chateau

Barde-Haut is a 17-hectare estate located at the extreme east of the village of Saint-Emilion. The vineyard forms a natural amphitheater and is particularly well exposed

to the south with views over the Dordogne valley.

It is the combination of exceptional soil and the introduction of natural wine producing and winegrowing technologies combining tradition and modernity that

have made Chateau Barde-Haut one of the rising stars of Saint Emilion.

Sylviane Garcin-Cathiard also owns Clos L'Eglise in Pomerol, Château Haut-Bergey and

Château Branon in Pessac Léognan.

Winemaker Patrice Garcin-Levêque

Vintage The year 2019 has been a year of extremes. At the beginning of May we lost 1.5

hectares due to the frost. Then the following weeks were very dry and the

temperatures very high.

Finally, the rainfall in July and August was satisfying and will allow the grapes to reach

maturity at the end of September.

Vineyards The soil is very typical of Saint Emilion being mainly composed of clay which is found

on a layer of chalk. Grape varieties 85% Merlot / 15% Cabernet Franc. The average

vine age is 35 years.

Harvest Hand-picked.

Winemaking In terms of winemaking, Hélène and Patrice have made some small but significant

changes over the years, with a distinct less-is-more approach in terms of maceration/extraction and judicious use of oak, with more of the larger 300-liter barrels being employed. They have also stopped using the optical sorting table, which selected berries based on size. Instead, they have gone back to hand sorting in the vineyard and the winery. No longer looking for uniformity in grapes, now they are

looking for some diversity in sizes to offer more complexity

Vinification/ There has been significant investment in renovating the cellar so that all work is **Maturation** completely done by gravity to ensure that the precious grapes of the Château are

completely done by gravity to ensure that the precious grapes of the Château are well respected. The cellar is equipped with wooden vats, stainless steel tanks and concrete vats of 50 to 70 hl. A strict policy of selection to ensure the quality is undertaken and individual steps including pigeage are all carried out by hand. Malolactic fermentation is done in new french oak barrels specially selected from different coopers for the property. The wine is then aged for 18 months in 80% new

French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes Purplish purple. Inviting bouquet combining notes of licorice wood, berries

black and spicy. On the palate, the wine ideally combines charm and structure. He has fullness thanks to its well-coated tannins and class thanks to its freshness. The latter underlines the aromatic expression until the finish. A wine structured, harmonious.

You will need to be patient.

Production 6,000 cases made. 70 000 bottles.

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Scores/Awards 92 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022

95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022

94 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2020

95 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022

94 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2022

95 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2022

92 points - Jean Marc Quarin - January 2020

93 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - June 2020

16 points - Vinum Wine Magazine - September 2020