



BARON DE BADASSIÈRE

Baron de Badassière, Syrah IGP Pays d`Oc 2014

PRODUCER

Baron de Badassière is from the Picpoul de Pinet region of the Languedoc, near the coast of the south of France. The name of the wine refers to the Badassière vineyard which lies near the small town of Pomerols. In the 18th century, the vineyard belonged to Baron Charles Emmanuel, a colourful character who was rumoured to be the illegitimate son of King Louis XV. The wines are made exclusively for Liberty by New Zealand winemaker Graeme Paul, with consultant Matt Thomson, at the Cave de Pomerols cooperative where the Vignes de L'Eglise range is also produced. This region benefits from a sunny, warm climate which encourages ripe, fruity flavours in the wines, while the coastal breezes help retain freshness and aromatics.

VINEYARDS

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VINTAGE

Rainfall between September 2013 and March 2014 was extremely low, affecting water reserves for the growing season. Winter was one of the warmest seen since 1950, similar to those of 1990 and 2007. The mild temperatures resulted in bud break occurring 10 days earlier than in 2013, and spring conditions caused the growing cycle to be three weeks ahead of normal. A wet and stormy summer with lower temperatures than average slowed the vines' development, but Indian Summer conditions in September had a positive effect on the vineyard. Harvest began on the 21st of August and finished on the 20th of September.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were macerated on skins, then pressed in the pneumatic press. The must was cold settled and then fermented at a controlled temperature of 20°C for seven to ten days.

TASTING NOTES

Deep red in colour, with complex spicy aromas leading to a richly structured palate, supple tannins and persistent length. Well-balanced with freshness that lifts the finish.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2014
Region	Eastern Languedoc, Languedoc
Grape Varieties	100% Syrah/Shiraz
Winemaker	Joel Jullien & Graeme Paul
Classification	IGP
Features	Vegan, Vegetarian
Closure	Stelvin
ABV	13%
Bottle Sizes	75cl