



## BARON DE BADASSIÈRE

### Baron de Badassière, Viognier IGP Pays d`Oc 2015

#### 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

The grapes for this wine come from selected vineyards around the Etang de Thau and Picpoul area. The vines are planted on sandy Pliocene soils and were both machine and hand-harvested.

#### VINTAGE

2015 showcased rather unusual weather patterns. There was a lot of rain during the autumn, followed by little rain during winter and spring. Total rainfall was 30% lower in 2015 than in 2014. Flowering was early and in spite of a hot, dry summer, the vines did not suffer thanks to sufficient water reserves in the soil. Harvest began in mid-August.

#### VINIFICATION

The grapes were macerated on skins for a few hours, then pressed in the pneumatic press. The must was then fermented in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperatures between 17-19°C for 16 days. No oak was used and the wine was bottled early to retain freshness and delicate aromatics.

#### TASTING NOTES

This Viognier is made in a fresh, modern style. It offers subtle aromas of almond and honey on the nose. Rounded on the palate, with guava and apricot flavours, it is balanced by a refreshing acidity on the finish.



#### VINTAGE INFORMATION

<b>Vintage</b>	2015
<b>Region</b>	Eastern Languedoc, Languedoc
<b>Grape Varieties</b>	100% Viognier
<b>Winemaker</b>	Joël Julien
<b>Closure</b>	Stelvin
<b>ABV</b>	12.5%
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	1.4g/L
<b>Acidity</b>	5.2g/L
<b>Wine pH</b>	3.47
<b>Bottle Sizes</b>	75cl