

Château Le Raz



VINTAGE	2016
REGION	South West
APPELLATION	Bergerac
VARIETAL	70% Sauvignon 15% Muscadelle 15% Semillon
ALCOHOL	12.5%
TERROIR	Clay and chalk slopes
INFO	65 Ha (160.62 Acres) total vineyard & 33 Ha (79.53 Acres) devoted to white wine production 20 year old Semillon vines Vinification and aging in thermo- regulated stainless steel tanks Fined / Filtered Sustainable Agriculture Practices

About the Estate:

The BARDE family-tree dates back to 1610 in Saint-Meard de Gurcon - west of Bergerac - within the so-called « Purple » Perigord, Situated around a magnificent 17th century château, Château Le RAZ does now represents 65 hectares (157 acres) in total. Vines are planted on fabulous slopes and high plateaux of limestone-clay and so called "boulbenes", overlooking the magnificent & quiet meanders of the Dordogne River, halfway between Bergerac and the Saint-Emilion / Castillon-Cotes de Bordeaux Appellations. 33 hectares (79.53 acres), are devoted to white grapes within the Bergerac, Montravel & Haut-Montravel Appellations.

The BARDE brothers and cousin are handling the estate and I do know Patrick BARDE since over 20 years.

Using of course Sustainable Agriculture Practices since decades, and to reach the best maturity and terroir expression, Château Le RAZ vines are impressively cultivated: green covering, de-budding, vines trimming and manual leaves' removing. Vinification in modern two-floor cellar, utilizing gravity after a careful hand sorting of the grapes before the thermo-regulated vinification. The best is done and the result is perfect, brilliant, clean, fresh and so aromatic Bergerac Sec!

Tasting Notes:

Soon to come.

Food Pairing:

"Fresh scallops or a BLT" - Craig Heffley, NC

Press Review:

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2015 Vintage: "Flavors of dried mango and apricot fruit are edged with spice, smoke and chive accents in this medium-bodied white. Mineral notes chime in on the finish." - GS, Wine Spectator, Web Only 2016