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## 2016 Bordeaux Barrel Tasting: Top-Scoring Reds

Tasting notes and scores for 43 red Bordeaux barrel samples that showed best

### **CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE BARTON St.-Julien 2016 Score: 96-99**

This packs some serious punch and drive, with a terrific core of blueberry, açai and plum reduction notes, backed by waves of graphite and roasted apple wood. Has the pleasantly chewy feel typical of St.-Julien, along with an extra-racy graphite edge.—*J.M.*



Possibly my favourite appellation in 2016 because the wines are the epitome of what you want from **St-Julien**: nuanced, complex, elegant, sculptured but powerful.



Jane Anson

## Château Léoville-Barton, St-Julien, 2ème Cru Classé, 2016

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Tasted by Jane Anson, (at Primeur week tastings in Bordeaux, 03 Apr 2017))

Part of Bordeaux en primeur: St-Julien 2016 wines



Restrained but textured, a confident delivery of lashings of cassis, bilberry and blackberry fruits. This is an exceptional Léoville-Barton that sacrifices none of its St-Julien signature while delivering a powerful, beautifully sculpted wine. This is a total triumph, my favourite for years at this property.

Drinking Window 2027 - 2050

POINTS **96**

## Bordeaux 2016 – St-Julien

I was also extremely conscious of the man who represents the third Léoville, Anthony Barton of Chx Léoville Barton and Langoa Barton. On my last day in Bordeaux I had the enormous pleasure of lunch at Langoa with Anthony's wife, daughter and winemaking granddaughter – Eva, Lilian and Mélanie respectively – and enjoyed two great wines (Léoville Barton 1986 and Langoa Barton 1982) chosen by Anthony, who wasn't feeling 100% that day. Mélanie, incidentally, is making wine at Ch Mauvesin-Barton, their new property in Moulis that is surely following the family tradition of offering real value.

Producer	Wine	Vintage	Appellation	Date tasted	Score	Drink
Ch Léoville Barton		2016	St-Julien	5 Apr 2017	18	2027 - 2047

Dark blackish purple. Less obviously aromatic than Langoa. Tea-leaf notes. Round texture with gloriously ripe tannins. Really a standout Barton. So unusually supple! Yet with masses of tannins underneath. This will surely be one of the vintage's longer-living wines. Glorious texture and flavour. Utterly minerally dry, but not drying. Very good freshness – much fresher than many of its peers. Real energy.

## 2016 Leoville-Barton

**Rating:**

(93 - 95)


**Price (\$)**

NA

**Drink Date**

2026 - 2055

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The 2016 Leoville-Barton is a blend of 86% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Merlot picked from 29 September until 13 October, matured in 60% new oak and delivering 13% alcohol. It has a more intense bouquet compared to the Langoa-Barton, plenty of intense blackberry and raspberry fruit, minerals, cedar and a hint of licorice. The palate is a little chewy on the entry with good grip in the mouth. This demonstrates the backbone of the finish, just the right amount of spiciness with excellent salinity on the long finish. It is not a once-in-a-lifetime Leoville Barton, but (as usual) it just seems to do everything right. Maybe it's not quite up there with the stellar 2015 Léoville Barton, which I re-tasted at the time, but it is not far off.

## FINAL THOUGHTS: BORDEAUX EN PRIMEUR 2016

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

### CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE BARTON ST.-JULIEN 2016

Friday, March 24, 2017

Country France  
Region Bordeaux  
Vintage 2016

Score  
**95-96**

Tight and chewy with a solid tannin structure and depth of fruit. Full body and lots of depth and texture. A Barton with lots happening already. Develops beautifully on the palate. Should be better than the 2015.

## 2016 St. Julien Bordeaux Tasting Notes, Ratings for all the Best Wines

Located in the middle of a ménage à trois, **St. Julien** is sandwiched between the power, elegance and classic, tannic, stoicism of **Pauillac** to the north, and the feminine, floral refinement of **Margaux** to the south. Its unique geographical location, giving it access to the Gironde, as well as the gravel slopes and plateaus was exactly what was needed to produce such stunning 2016 St. Julien wines.

2016 St. Julien is a perfect vintage. Or if you think this is hyperbole, I can change that to almost perfect. Every vineyard in this appellation made prodigious wine.

**2016 Leoville Barton** – A nose of blackberry, licorice, earth and smoky tobacco is easy to notice. Darkly colored, Full bodied, rich, fresh, long and sweet, there is a reflection coming off the ample tannins and lift that accentuates the densely textured, fruit-filled finish. This wine leaves a great impression. Produced from blending 86% Cabernet Sauvignon and 14% Merlot, the wine reached 13% alcohol. The harvest took place September 29 to October 13. 94 – 96 Pts



## Léoville Barton 2 e CC

Toute la famille Barton-Sartorius veille sur les trois crus familiaux, Langoa, Léoville et la petite dernière acquisition, Mauvesin-Barton, en moulis, équipée de neuf côté chai et bâtiments d'exploitation. 86 % cabernet-sauvignon, 14 % merlot. 17,5/18 -Nez fruits noirs, épices, bouche élégante, fine, bien tramée, long et fin, droite, serrée, joli fruit derrière. **O = 2022 G = 20**





04/2017

PRIMEURS 2016

BORDEAUX PRIMEURS 2016

# Avantage Rive gauche, grâce aux somptueux cabernets

Si 2015 a été célébré l'an passé comme très grand à Bordeaux, ce millésime est éclipsé par la race des cabernets en 2016. C'est dans le Médoc et les Graves que les vins sont les meilleurs.

**18-19/20**

**CHÂTEAU  
LÉOVILLE BARTON**

Un festival de saveurs se dégage du verre, le vin exprime des notes très proches du fruit, du raisin frais, avec une douceur très agréable. L'ensemble, admirablement construit, termine avec un éclat magique.



## Château Léoville-Barton, Rouge

**96-97/100**

Grande droiture, équilibre en acidité remarquable, petites notes racées au nez, entre le cèdre et le havane typique des Léoville. Il pourrait gagner un demi-point après mise si la prise de bois est harmonieuse. Il le mérite.



## Château Léoville-Barton

17/20

Un nez délicat et aguichant sur le cassis frais et le tabac. Ce vin est pensé dans sa trame acide, pour la fraîcheur, la garde, la tension que l'élevage vient serrer un peu plus.

## Saint-Julien : primeurs 2016

Encore une fois, Saint-Julien impressionne par la qualité des vins proposés. Une mention spéciale pour les seconds vins qui sont désormais des vins à part entière. En dehors de ceux-là, notons les réussites de Gruaud Larose et Talbot qui reviennent dans les premières places du classement. Un [coup de coeur pour Léoville Barton](#) et un immense respect pour Léoville Las Cases, un monument de race.

### Château Léoville Barton - Saint-Julien - 2016

Très beau nez floral, un peu violette, un peu iris. Bouche bien bâtie par des tanins racés, de la densité en finale.  
- 16/18

A banner with a background of a vineyard. The text "BORDEAUX MILLÉSIME 2016: INATTENDU!" is written in a white, hand-drawn, slightly irregular font across the top.

## Le tour des appellations

### Saint-Julien

Bien meilleur niveau ici en remontant l'estuaire. On revient sur la fraîcheur et le fruit frais, les belles bouches voluptueuses, élégantes et charmantes.

**Coups de cœur :** **Chateau Beychevelle**, **Château Léoville Barton**, Château Branaire Ducru, Château Gruaud Larose, Château Saint-Pierre, Château Gloria, Clos du Marquis, Les fiefs de Lagrange, Le Connétable de Talbot.