

MILLÉSIME 2018

LÉOVILLE BARTON

LA REVUE DU
vin
DE FRANCE

18.5-19

Le Point

18.5



bettane+desseauve

96

Yves Beck

97-99

WEINWISSER

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Spécial primeurs
Millésime 2018
L'année des bordeaux hors normes

Par Pierre Citerne, Roberto Petronio et Olivier Poels, photos : François Poincet

18,5-19/20

**CHÂTEAU
LÉOVILLE-BARTON**

Ce n'est pas le plus dense, mais c'est le plus raffiné de l'appellation, avec des notes de fruits rouges très frais. Juteux et acide, il déroule une bouche de très belle définition.

2018 : un millésime avec un supplément d'âme.

Ecrit par Yohan Castaing • le 18 avril 2019

Léoville
Barton

96-
98+

Très beau nez racé et délicat avec des notes de mure, de framboise, d'iris, de fleurs de printemps. Charnu, juteux, des tanins veloutés et délicats pour un ensemble plein de vigueur, de netteté, de précision. Un Léoville Barton assez linéaire et vertical, ce qui lui sied admirablement. Race et délicatesse pour un vin à encaver 20 à 30 ans.



Grand terroir, grand talent, grande année : un 2018 qui fera date et s'inscrit dans le panorama des très grands vins mondiaux de l'année.

96 **Château Léoville-Barton**
Saint-Julien, Rouge, Sec 2018

[18/20] Excellente construction, ferme, généreux, tannin racé, grand avenir.

CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE BARTON 2018

Dégusté le 29.03.2019 par *Yves Beck*

Pourpre violacé. Bouquet élégant, complexe, marqué par des notes de myrtilles, cassis et des épices. Touche de réglisse. Au palais le vin est compact, friand, élégant et doté de tannins très fins qui s'imposent avec beaucoup d'élégance et qui assurent idéalement les arrières. Quelle force et quelle grandeur. Un Barton énorme à la finale fruitée persistante. Probablement un des plus grands. 2025-2048 **97-99/100**

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BORDEAUX : PRIMEURS 2018 : L'APPELLATION COMMUNALE SAINT JULIEN

L'appellation communale de Saint Julien fait partie de celles qui ont été les plus déficitaires en eau au début des vendanges. Les vins sont richement dotés avec des degrés assez élevés, des masses tanniques importantes, et des *pH* un peu plus haut que la normale. Les palettes aromatiques sont très expressives à tous les stades de la dégustation, et dominent très nettement la structure des vins. Les élevages sont bien proportionnés et ne marquent jamais les vins en bouche et en finale. Il faudra bien sûr revoir les vins après la mise pour avoir une idée précise de la qualité définitive des vins.

Dans l'ensemble les textures sont bien enrobées par des chairs bien formées et veloutées qui offrent beaucoup de confort au dégustateur. La fraîcheur en finale est plus ou moins marquée, mais à ce stade aucun vin n'a été perçu comme "chaleureux"

L'appellation présente une nouvelle fois une belle homogénéité avec les nuances qu'apportent les châteaux pour donner au vin le style qu'ils souhaitent.

Léoville Barton 2018

L'aération accentue des arômes de petites baies noires, d'épices, et d'élevage net en retrait. La bouche est structurée par des tannins fins enrobés par une chair délicate et veloutée, centrée avec énergie, et très fruitée. La finale est longue, droite, un peu plus ferme fraîche, très expressive. **Noté 95-98**



2018 VINTAGE # LÉOVILLE BARTON

Wine Spectator

96-99

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

95-96



JEB DUNNUCK

95-97+

Decanter

96



94-96

2018 Bordeaux Barrel Tasting: Top-Scoring Reds

Tasting notes and scores for 41 red Bordeaux barrel samples that showed best

CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE BARTON St.-Julien 2018 Score: 96-99

A stunner, showing a great degree of purity, with long flavors of cassis, plum and blackberry preserves, seamlessly integrated with the graphite structure. A very vivid, defined, precise wine. —*J.M.*

Château Léoville Barton, St-Julien, 2ème Cru Classé 2018

96

Tasted by Jane Anson (at Primeur week tastings in Bordeaux, 03 Apr 2019) Part of Top St-Julien 2018 wines: 'Silky and gorgeous'

They are just hitting it out of the park at Léoville Barton at the moment, keeping the relaxed and effortless feel of a great St-Julien but loading up on the complexity and concentration that lies behind it. You don't see all the mechanisms, but you know they are there.

This is going to age exceptionally well, but there's a freshness and juiciness to the structure already that suggests it's going to be great fun to drink along the way. It has glass-staining extraction, with plenty of cassis, graphite and liquorice flavours - everything's turned up high. 60% new oak.

Drinking Window 2027 - 2042



CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE BARTON ST.-JULIEN 2018

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Score
95-96

This is very structured and powerful with lots of blueberry and blackcurrant character. Full-bodied and muscular with so much intensity and density. Extremely muscular. Yet, it's agile.

2018 **Leoville Barton** – Deep in color, the aromatic quality reminds me of a basket filled with just picked black currants along with cigar wrapper, tobacco, herbs and cedar. Full-bodied, dense, concentrated and long, the wine straddles a wonderful place between firmness, classical austerity, freshness and ripe fruits. You will need to offer this wine over a decade of age before pulling a cork. It is going to be difficult to pick the best vintage of Leoville Barton from the 2009, 2010, 2015, 2016 and 2018 but it is going to be fun **tasting** them together over the next several decades. Blending 82% Cabernet Sauvignon and 18% Merlot, the wine reached 14.03.% alcohol and is aging in 60% new, French oak barrels. **95-97**

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2018 Bordeaux En Primeur: Left Bank Roundup

Posted on April 6, 2019 by Edward Richardson

On Wednesday we published our immediate thoughts on the wines of the Right Bank (see [2018 Bordeaux En Primeur: Right Bank Roundup](#)). Here are our first impressions from the other side of the river and a list of wines we felt were outstanding within their quality level or commune.

Among the super-secondes, the Pichons both excelled in their different styles. [Léoville Barton](#) was the best among a very strong crop of Saint Julien and Calon Ségur deserves to be mentioned in despatches for downright deliciousness. In this vintage the distance between the first growths and these other top wines is quite narrow so they are well worthy of close consideration if you want something special to add to your cellar.

'Wine Of The Vintage' Contenders (Left Bank):

Mouton-Rothschild	Pichon-Comtesse
Latour	Pichon-Baron
Lafite	Brane-Cantenac
	Calon Ségur
	Léoville Barton
	La Mission Haut-Brion



| Bordeaux Favours the Bold, the 2018 En Primeur

BY SHIV SINGH ON APRIL 9, 2019

- **Saint Julien** wines had intense fruit with some minty notes and smoky overtones. These were complex with big tannins and lots of alcohol consistently across the appellation. **Château Leoville Barton** and **Château Talbot** were of particular interest.

Château Léoville Barton 2018 Barrel Sample

96
POINTS

95–97. Barrel Sample. This wine is well integrated in fine tannins and beautiful black fruits that show great promise for aging. It has a timeless, classic character that has all the freshness of the vintage, as well as the elegant personality of the fine terroir.

Ch. Léoville Barton 2018 St-Julien

82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot. 60% new oak. Barrel sample.

Black core, purple rim. Sweet intense nose of elderberry and small, wild berries. Extremely wholesome, dense, firm but with lots of fruit at the core. Oak well in check and the tannins finer than many, dry and layered but harmonious. For the long term. Dry and almost chalky on the finish. (JH)

Drink 2028-2038

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2018 Bordeaux are exceptional: here's what to invest in now

The vintage combines the mouth-filling plushness of the 2009s with the ripe structure of the 2015s and 2016s.

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ELIN MCCOY

AT the region's annual en primeur tastings last week, I sipped my way through about 500 barrel samples of Bordeaux's extraordinary 2018 reds. The best wines are exceptional: concentrated, layered, velvet- and silk-textured, pure and succulent.

The top 10

There are plenty of stunning wines at all price levels in 2018. Besides those in my list below, I'd highlight many more, starting with the wonderfully dense and rich Mouton Rothschild and classic Cheval Blanc. Add to that Ausone, Le Pin, Latour, Pichon Baron, Leoville Barton, Montrose, Cos d'Estournel, Troplong Mondot, Trotanoy, and Angelus



Léoville-
Barton

The 2018 Léoville-Barton is fabulous. Graphite, gravel, crème de cassis, mint, violet, spice and exotic spices are some of the many notes that infuse this stunningly beautiful unctuous Saint-Julien. In 2018 Léoville-Barton has an extra dimension of volume and resonance, yet it never loses its super-classic mid-weight structure and regal bearing. The blend is 82% Cabernet Sauvignon and 18% Merlot.

(93-96)


-- Antonio Galloni

2018 Léoville Barton

Rating

(94 - 96)

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Deep garnet-purple in color, the 2018 Léoville Barton simply sings of crushed black cherries, blackcurrant cordial and wild blueberries with touches of violets, dark chocolate, allspice and cardamom with a waft of stewed tea. Full-bodied, rich and decadently fruited in the mouth, the generous fruit has a solid structure of firm, ripe, grainy tannins and oodles of freshness, finishing long and layered.

Saint Julien the Consistent ...

... and consistently delicious in 2018

By **Panos Kakaviatos** for *wine-chronicles.com*

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Château Léoville Barton – One needs aeration to coax the graphite and floral aromas, as the nose is subtle. The palate density is most impressive, marked by rather imposing, but never hard tannins. There is a lot “going on”, and I feel that this is more in the vein of, say, 2005 than of 2009. Give it (loads) of time in your cellar. 94-97