



A.O.C.	Saint-Emilion Grand Cru Classé
Château Barde-Haut	70 000 bottles
Surface of production	16,89 ha
Soil	Clay covering limestone
Subsoil	Limestone, Plateau of Saint-Emilion
Grape varieties	73% Merlot - 27% Cabernet Franc
Soil culture	Organic and sustainable
Harvest	Hand picked
Fermenting vats	50 hl - 120 hl stainless steel
Barrels & Ageing	80% new french oak barrels for 18-24 months

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Apr 2019

Gorgeous purity of fruit in this wine with depth and beauty. Full-bodied. It really grows on the palate with a hyper fine tannin texture.

95-96



Antonio Galloni  
Apr. 2019

The 2018 Barde-Haut is a rich, heady wine. Crème de cassis, blackberry jam, chocolate, leather and spice race out of the glass in this flamboyant, exotically ripe Saint-Émilion. There is no shortage of stuffing, but the wine needs time to come together. Specifically, the new oak needs to integrate more fully, but this is a barrel sample, and it is not uncommon to see wines at this stage showing this way. The more exotic side of the vintage is very much on display.

92-95

Wine Spectator

James Molesworth  
Mar. 2019

Very juicy, with lots of blackberry and black currant compote flavors. The ample toast has yet to be fully soaked up, with notes of licorice root and singed apple wood jutting out. A bit chewy on the finish. Slightly unbridled today, but if this rounds into form it will be a real winner.

91-94

Yves Beck

Apr 2019

Pourpre violacé. Quel bouquet ! Intense, complexe, aux nombreuses facettes. Notes crayeuses et fruitées suivies d'une touche d'élevage. Au palais, le vin est friand, juteux et onctueux. Il est doté de tannins puissants qui se révèlent lentement et qui sont en symbiose avec la structure. Finale fruitée persistante. Un Barde-Haut de caractère et une superbe réussite !

95-97



# JEB DUNNUCK

Apr 2019

Deeply colored, the 2018 Château Barde-Haut gives up a powerful, yet elegant profile that carries beautiful black cherry, chocolate, liquid violets, and hints of minerality. It's medium to full-bodied, has beautiful mid-palate depth, integrated acidity, and thrilling tannin quality, which isn't a given in the vintage. Opening up with time in the glass, it shows more and more minerality and freshness, and is flawlessly balanced. In short, it's beautiful Saint-Émilion readers will love to have in their cellar.

**94-96+**



LE FIGARO VIN

Bernard Burtschy  
2019

La robe est noire avec un très joli nez de fruits noirs. Le vin est dense, serré, belle maturité du raisin, de belles épices, très harmonieux. Le vin est élaboré avec 73 % merlot et 27 % cabernet-franc sans signe de stress hydrique car le calcaire a fait tampon. Une partie est élevée en fut neuf, une partie en cuve inox qui ira en barrique plus tard.

**92-95**

*Lisa Perrotti-Brown*  
WINE ADVOCATE

Lisa Perrotti-Brown  
Apr 2019

The 2018 Barde-Haut is a final blend composed of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. Deep garnet-purple in color, it sashays sensuously out of the glass with effortless baked blackberries, preserved plums and blueberry pie notes plus hints of incense, powdered cinnamon, cigar box and star anise. Full-bodied and packed with spicy black and blue fruits, it is beautifully textured with firm, velvety tannins and just enough background freshness, finishing very long and seductive.

**92-94**

JEAN-MARC UARIN

Apr 2019

Couleur sombre, intense et belle. Nez intense, fin, fruité, pur, mûr, à la fois solaire et frais.  
Minutieux dès son entrée en bouche, raffiné au toucher, fondant et aromatique, ce vin avance noble et juteux tout en pulpe sèveuse. Il s'achève long et très bon.  
Assemblage : 80 % merlot, 20 % cabernet franc. 2028 ? 2048

**17 (94)**



# THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

Jeff Leve  
Apr 2019

Dark in color, the wine is loaded with licorice, truffle, smoke, and a background note of mint. Full-bodied, rich, dense and multi-layered, the wine exudes, dark, juicy, ripe, dark fruits on the nose and palate. The wine is made from a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc and will be aged in 60% new, French oak barrels.

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Apr 2018	Very tight and direct with lots of limestone and salt aromas and flavors. Full body and firm and silky tannins. Tightly wound. Impressive.	<b>93-94</b>
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Antonio Galloni May 2018	A rich, unctuous wine, the 2017 Barde-Haut is endowed with magnificent concentration and richness. Inky black fruit, chocolate, menthol, licorice and spice infuse this spectacularly rich, voluptuous Saint-Émilion. The 2017 saw 4-5 days on cold soak about four weeks on the skins, with no SO2 during fermentation	<b>92-95</b>
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Neal Martin May 2018	It has a sensual bouquet with black cherries, a touch of oyster shell and iodine, well defined and focused. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, a fine bead of acidity, more volume than the Poesia, especially towards the finish that exerts a gentle grip in the mouth. It feels very silky in texture with a persistent finish. This is a really excellent Barde-Haut, in my opinion, with the upper hand over the Clos l'Eglise this year, frankly not far off the 2016 in quality. Bravo Hélène et Patrice Garçin-Léveque.	<b>92-94</b>
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Wine Spectator

2018	Lovely plum, cassis and boysenberry fruit flavors glide through here, with polished toast and a bright red licorice accent on the finish	<b>90-93</b>
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bettane+desseave

Apr 2018	Joli équilibre avec un tannin élancé et une fraîcheur crayeuse sur la finale avec un beau retour de fruit.	<b>16 (90)</b>
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# JEB DUNNUCK

Apr 2018

The deep, inky-colored 2017 Barde-Haut is a seriously good 2017 from H el ene Garcin-L ev eque that offers tons of kirsch, ripe black cherries, and spice aromas and flavors in a rounded, silky, sexy style. It has wonderful purity of fruit, no hard edges, and a great finish. I suspect it will be reasonably approachable on release yet capable of lasting for 10-15 years. The blend is 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc which will spend 18 months in 80% new French oak.

92-94

*Lisa Perrotti-Brown*  
WINE ADVOCATE

Lisa Perrotti-Brown  
Apr 2018

Barde-Haut didn't see any frost this year due to the altitude of the vineyards. Composed of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, the deep garnet-purple colored 2017 Barde-Haut gives notions of baked blackberries, blueberry compote and Black Forest cake with touches of potpourri, dusty soil and cast iron pan. The palate is medium to full-bodied with a firm frame of grainy tannins and great freshness, finishing long and minerally.

91-93

JEAN-MARC UARIN

Apr 2017

Couleur sombre et intense. Joli nez tr es aromatique, au fruit e m ur et pur. Bouche imm diatement grasse   l'attaque se d veloppant suave, fruit e, agr able et un peu plus discr te et tendre que de coutume. Longueur normale.

16 (90)

# THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

Jeff Leve  
Apr 2018

Floral characteristics kick off the soiree. From there you move to an introductory waltz of cocoa, plums, cherry, licorice and a background note of mint. Fresh, juicy, supple and long, there is a lot to lie here with the perfectly ready fruits giving it lift in the finish. I am also digging the less oaky approach in the aging.

93





Yohan Castaing  
2017

Bien que le nez soit encore un peu timide, on apprécie la justesse des tanins, l'équilibre, l'harmonie qui s'en dégage. Le retour de Barde-Haut dans le monde de la délicatesse.

**17 - 18**

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Apr 2019

This shows such complex and beautiful aromas of flowers, lavender, light spearmint and currants. Medium to full body, very fine tannins and a long finish. All about finesse and length.

**94**

Apr 2017

Lots of blueberry and blackberry character here. Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a savory finish. Should develop beautifully. Exciting young wine.

**93-94**

## Terre de Vins

Yohan Castaing  
Apr 2017

On est d'abord surpris par un nez un peu fumé, presque tourbé, viandé. En bouche, la matière est sapide, vibrante, pleine d'éclat et de vivacité. Le fruit (cassis, mûre) est croquant, les tanins souples, le tout porté par une agréable minéralité. C'est une nouvelle fois un très joli Barde-Haut.

**16,5**



Antonio Galloni  
Jan. 2019

Readers will find a rich, flamboyant wine in the 2016 Barde-Haut. There is not a ton of subtlety here, but I am not sure that matters all that much given how immensely pleasing the 2016 is. Crushed rocks, graphite, lavender, blackberry, plum, and violet infuse a Saint-Émilion that offers tremendous textural richness as well as vibrancy. Most importantly of all, the 2016 is flat-out delicious. This is a decidedly opulent, dark Saint-Émilion with all of the elements impeccably balanced. I loved it.

**96**



Neal Martin  
Jan. 2019

The 2016 Barde-Haut has a pure black cherry and boysenberry bouquet with touches of crushed violet. The palate is quite dense and perhaps one of the most powerful Barde-Haut I have encountered in recent years, offering more black fruit than red, laced with tobacco and a pinch of black pepper. There is good backbone to this Saint-Émilion, and it deserves three or four years in bottle.

93

Antonio Galloni  
Apr 2017

The 2016 Barde-Haut is a racy, voluptuous beauty. Mocha, espresso, plum, black cherry and smoke race across the palate in a dark, sumptuous Saint Émilion loaded with class and personality. This is an especially up-front style. With time in the glass, the wine gains brightness and precision to balance things out. The 2016 is easily one of the best recent versions of Barde-Haut I can remember tasting. Today, it is fabulously beautiful.

92-95

## Wine Spectator

Jan. 2018

A very fresh, juicy style, with pretty floral hints framing a core of cherry, pomegranate and red currant fruit flavors that meld into one another while light anise and rooibos tea accents fill in on the finish. A mineral note knits it all up nicely.

92

## bettane+desseauve

2017

Belle définition avec une puissance contenue, des tannins élégants et raffinés, une fraîcheur finale savoureuse.

93

## JEB DUNNUCK

Fev 2019

Incorporating 20% Cabernet Franc, the Merlot-dominated 2016 Château Barde Haut is one of the darker colored wines in the lineup. It offers a Grand Cru Burgundy-like purity and elegance as well as beautiful cassis and darker fruits, smoked earth, black cherries, and damp earth aromas and flavors. This medium to full-bodied, balanced, yet tight, backward, pure effort needs a solid 5-7 years of cellaring to round into form, but it's beautifully balanced and packed with potential.

94+





Oct 2018

Tasted as a barrel sample, the 2016 Barde-Haut is certainly in the same ballpark as the 2015. Terrific black and blue fruits, flowers, violets, and licorice notes all give way to a medium to full-bodied, fresh, vibrant 2016 that's very much in the style of the vintage.

93-96

**F** LE FIGARO VIN

Bernard Burtschy  
2017

La robe est noire avec un joli nez épicé. Le vin est souple et dense, d'une belle fraîcheur et de de l'élégance. Le 2016 s'inscrit dans la continuité du nouveau style instauré en 2015 avec un vin à la fois plein et élégant, d'une belle longueur avec un rien de fraîcheur en plus, ce qui lui sied bien. C'est une réussite. Il est élaboré avec 80 % de merlot et 20 % de cabernet-franc et titre 14,3 °. 3-12 ans.

17

## Gault & Millau

Yohan Castaing  
2017

Nez un peu fermé mais complexe, profond. Justesse des tanins, du velouté, de la chair, de l'élégance, du volume. Fini le temps où Barde-Haut voulait en imposer, place à la finesse, à la justesse.

17 - 18

**Le Point**

Jacques Dupont  
Apr 2017

Fruits rouges, framboise, bouche élégante, fraîche, tanins fins, du fruit, de la fraîcheur, très long sans être massif.

16,5 - 17

*Lisa Perrotti-Brown*

WINE ADVOCATE

Lisa Perrotti-Brown  
Mar 2019

The 2016 Barde Haut is composed of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. Deep garnet-purple colored, it gives up expressive wild blueberries, kirsch, baked plums and spice box notes with hints of cracked pepper, lavender, garrigue and Provence herbs. Medium to full-bodied and richly fruited in the mouth, the palate bursts with blue fruits, framed by firm, rounded tannins and seamless freshness, finishing long.

93+



Neal Martin  
Apr 2017

The 2016 Barde-Haut is a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, vinified without SO2, matured around 80% in new 300-liter barrels from three cooperages and the remainder in one-year-old barrels. H el ene Gar cin-L eveque told me that they are focusing on the elegance of their Saint Emilion estate and are picking a little earlier and practicing slightly less extraction. It has a really quite gorgeous bouquet with layers of ripe black plum and wild strawberry notes tinged with sloes. This has very fine delineation and focus. The palate is very well balanced with super-fine tannin, very well judged acidity and tension that lasts from start to finish. This is certainly one of the most feminine Barde-Haut wines that I have tasted from barrel, expressing more precision and finesse. It is an excellent follow-up to the 2015 Barde-Haut and may well surpass it in the long-term.

**92-94**

JEAN-MARC UARIN

Apr 2017

Le meilleur jamais fait ! Couleur intense, belle et pourpre. Nez moyennement aromatique, tr s fruit , m r, frais et cr meux. Tr s belle entr e en bouche moelleuse, puis le vin se remplit en milieu de bouche et s'allonge sur une texture soyeuse, noble et savoureuse. Longue finale au grain de tanin fin. C'est tr s bon.

**17,25**  
**(94-95)**



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Feb 2018	Aromas of blackberries, blueberries, wet earth and black tea. Full-bodied, dense and layered with medium, chewy tannins and a flavorful finish. Shows focus and power. Needs three or four years to start coming together.	95
Apr 2016	This is very rich and powerful with blackberry, blueberry, mineral and stone. Full body, very fine tannins. Very chalky and intense on the finish. Best ever?	95-96

Wine Spectator

Mar 2018	A restrained style, with a core of damson plum, raspberry and cassis flavors held in check for now by fine-grained cedar, sanguine and iron hints. There's racy acidity running underneath and a long, focused finish, so cellar this to let the two sides meld fully.	93
2016	Intense and vibrant, this packs juicy plum, currant and raspberry fruit into the core, while the very racy, energetic structure drives the finish.	91-94

JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck Oct 2018	Based on an 80/20 split of Merlot and Cabernet Franc, the 2015 Barde-Haut is a tour de force and a spectacular wine any way you look at it. Crème de cassis, dried flowers, earth, and loads of limestone-like minerality all flow to a full-bodied, opulent wine that has sweet tannins and a great mid-palate. Drink this uber-sexy beauty any time over the coming 15+ years.	95
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*Lisa Perrotti-Brown*  
WINE ADVOCATE

Lisa Perrotti-Brown  
Apr 2018

Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2015 Barde-Haut gives up notions of plum preserves, potpourri and baked cherries with underlying Chinese five spice and cigar box hints. Medium to full-bodied, it has a firm backbone of grainy tannins and background freshness supporting the spicy black fruits, finishing on a lingering earthy note.

92



Neal Martin  
Apr 2016

It has a wonderful bouquet, extremely well defined with black cherries, cassis and a subtle marine influence - one of the best that I have tasted from this estate. The palate is very well balanced with fine tannin, a keen thread of acidity, very good tension and nervosité right to the pure and caressing finish. Think of it as the "elder sister" of Poesia. Long and tender, this will hopefully replicate this strong performance in barrel.

**92-94**

JEAN-MARC UARIN

Mar 2018

Ma meilleure note donnée à ce cru en primeur. Avec l'expérience, Patrice Lévêque porte un nouveau regard sur la vigne et son travail en général. Sa compréhension de ces terroirs de Saint-Émilion et Pomerol s'affine. De fait, il s'engage vers des vins plus raffinés, plus parfumés sans renoncer à leur corpulence. Voilà qui donne à ce cru un éclat particulier cette année et un déroulé où le raffinement fait plus que jamais son apparition. Très bonne longueur. Un grand succès.

**17 (94)**



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Feb 2017 | Very aromatic and chalky on the nose with blackberries and blackcurrants. Licorice, too. Full to medium body, savory and chewy tannins, yet this always remains polished with a long and pretty finish | 94

Mar 2015 | This is very dense and intense with lots of extracted fruit that gives a licorice and mineral character. Looking forward to seeing how it evolves in barrel. | 92-93



Neal Martin  
Mar. 2018 | The 2014 Barde-Haut initially displayed a slightly muddled nose with redcurrant and cranberry fruit, tobacco and incense aromas following through. Thankfully with aeration it seems to gain more precision and focus. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, nicely balanced with firm grip, bold in style but there is fine detail and purity on the finish. Tasted blind at the annual Southwold tasting. | 91

Antonio Galloni  
Feb 2017 | The 2014 Barde-Haut has turned out beautifully. Dark cherry, mocha, spice, leather and tobacco flesh out in the glass. Effortless, supple and nicely layered, the 2014 hits all the right notes. The midweight style of the year comes through very nicely in this classy, polished Saint-Émilion. | 94

Antonio Galloni  
Apr. 2015 | The 2014 Barde-Haut boasts superb richness and overall intensity. Dark spices, crème de cassis, new leather, mint and licorice meld together in a dark, sumptuous St.-Emilion built on pure depth and resonance. Suave, polished tannins convey an overall impression of creaminess. This clay-rich terroir delivers considerable breath | 91-94

Wine Spectator

Mar. 2017 | Solid, with dark currant, fig and blackberry compote flavors that meld with dark tobacco and roasted alder notes. Maintains a fleshy edge through the finish without sacrificing energy. | 91



2015

Features a slightly extracted feel, with a plum skin note running along the edges of the licorice, steeped cherry and raspberry core. The fruit pushes through in the end, with extra spice and a ganache hint filling in on the finish.

**90-93**

## JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck  
Nov. 2017

While I wasn't able to taste the 2015, the 2014 Chateau Barde-Haut from a bottle purchased locally offered a deep ruby color as well as lots of chocolate, dried red and black fruits, licorice and spicy oak. It's plump, rounded, and nicely textured on the palate, with a slightly rustic, charming, fruit loaded style.

**90**

  
WINE ADVOCATE

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**92**

## JEAN-MARC UARIN

Jean-Marc Quarin  
Apr 2015

Outsider. Encore un millésime réussi sur cette propriété Outsider de Saint-Emilion. Nez très aromatique, mûr, fruité, subtil. Bouche juteuse, ample, savoureuse avec de l'allant, du moelleux et une longue finale séveuse au goût du fruit mûr. Persistance quasi minérale. Un délice.

**16,5**

