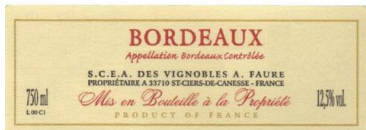
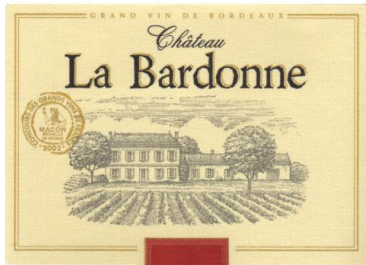


CHATEAU LA BARDONNE

Bordeaux

France

Bordeaux
Entre-Deux-Mers



OVERVIEW

Chateau La Bardonne is a small part of a larger domaine called 'Vignobles Alain Faure.' Alain Faure, winemaker since 1970, is the 5th generation of Faures making wine at this domaine. The cellar is located across the Gironde from Margaux. The estate is made up of 95 total hectares divided among Cotes de Bourg (70 hectares), 1eres Cotes de Blaye (20 hectares) and AOC Bordeaux (10 hectares). Chateau La Bardonne came into Vignobles Faure from Alain's wife side of the family. Before Alain, 100% of Bardonne's wines were sold to négociants. Alain quickly changed this and bottled all of the wine he produced. La Bardonne's vines are situated on the third-highest plateau on the Gironde. The soil is mostly limestone & red clay. Since 1980, Alain Faure has practiced 'viticulture raisonnée', which translates to 'Reasonable Farming.' Bands of grass are allowed to grow between rows and a minimal amount of chemicals are used. At harvest, everything is harvested by machine.

Varieties: Merlot,
Cabernet Sauvignon
Total Acreage: 435

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- How do they tend vines?
- Important vinification practices
- Any other relevant morsels of information

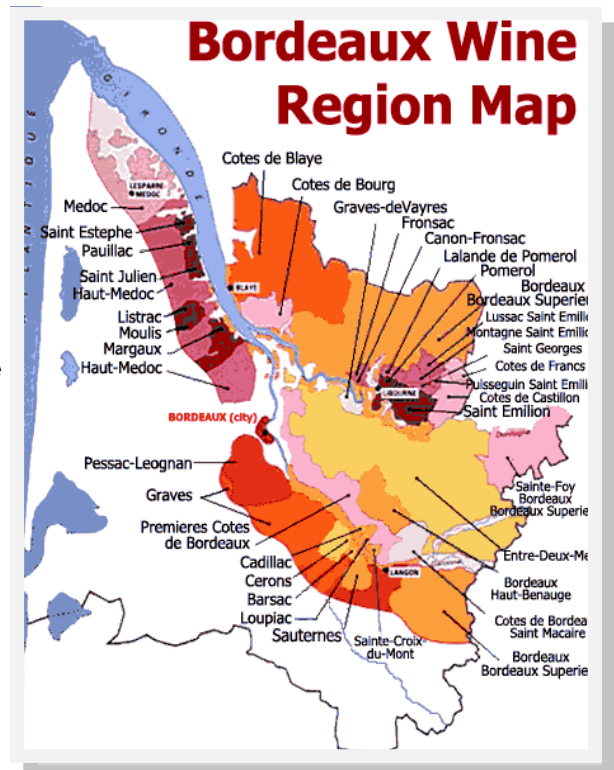
Chateau La Bardonne Bordeaux Rouge

60% Merlot 40% Cabernet Sauvignon grown on chalky/clay mix

Harvest is received and is immediately destemmed and entered into epoxy-lined cement tanks. The vinification begins with a short cold-soak. Maceration will last 10 to 15 days. During vinification daily pumpovers occur. Aging takes place in these same cement tanks for six to eight months before final blending and bottling.

Entre Deux Mers

Entre Deux Mers is not exactly between two seas but actually between two rivers: Dordogne and Garonne.



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