



## BARON DE BADASSIÈRE

### Baron de Badassière, Picpoul de Pinet Coteaux du Languedoc 2015

#### PRODUCER

Baron de Badassière is from the Picpoul de Pinet region of the Languedoc, near the coast of the south of France. The name of the wine refers to the Badassière vineyard which lies near the small town of Pomerols. In the 18th century, the vineyard belonged to Baron Charles Emmanuel, a colourful character who was rumoured to be the illegitimate son of King Louis XV. The wines are made exclusively for Liberty by New Zealand winemaker Graeme Paul, with consultant Matt Thomson, at the Cave de Pomerols cooperative where the Vignes de L'Eglise range is also produced. This region benefits from a sunny, warm climate which encourages ripe, fruity flavours in the wines, while the coastal breezes help retain freshness and aromatics.

#### VINEYARDS

The grapes for this wine come from selected vineyards around the Etang de Thau, planted on clay and limestone soils.

#### VINTAGE

Heavy rain episodes in autumn 2014 were followed by very little rain in winter and spring of 2015. There was 30% less rain than the previous vintage. Early flowering led to a ten day advance in the growth cycle. Summer was dry especially in July, but the grapes did not suffer drought thanks to the water reserves in the soil. Harvest began on the 19th of August and ended on the 1st of October. September was marked by Indian summer weather, which had a positive impact on the vineyards and final stages of ripening.

#### VINIFICATION

The grapes arrived in the winery in the early morning and were macerated on the skins for a few hours, then pressed by pneumatic press. The must was cold settled and then fermented at controlled temperatures of between 14-18°C for 16 days. No oak was used and the wine was bottled early to retain freshness and delicate aromatics.

#### TASTING NOTES

Pale lemon in colour with a youthful rim. Crisp apple aromas are complemented with a citrus edge. On the palate, it has attractive weight, with a good balance of ripe, yellow plums and greengages and a fresh lime zest acidity that continue through the finish.



#### VINTAGE INFORMATION

<b>Vintage</b>	2015
<b>Region</b>	Eastern Languedoc, Languedoc
<b>Grape Varieties</b>	100% Picpoul
<b>Winemaker</b>	Graeme Paul
<b>Features</b>	Vegan, Vegetarian
<b>Closure</b>	Stelvin
<b>ABV</b>	12.5%
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	1.15g/L
<b>Acidity</b>	6.46g/L
<b>Wine pH</b>	3.86
<b>Bottle Sizes</b>	75cl