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# CHATEAU LE BARRAIL

## AOC Médoc

**OWNER:** Olivier Compagnet

**WINEMAKER:** Antoine Médeville

### GROWING

- Grape varieties: 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot
- Size of the property: 15 acres between Bagadan and Blaignan at the extremity of the Medoc aoc.
- Planting density: 3000 shoots per acre
- Average age of the vineyard: 25 years
- Reasoning ("Lutte raisonnée" in French).

### WINEMAKING

- Aged 12 months in French oak, 33% new.
- Temperature controlled stainless steel vats.
- Long cold maceration, pneumatic pressing with gravity feed.

**GRAPES** 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 45% Merlot

**MERLOT** is the most planted variety in Bordeaux, and it has also become an extremely fashionable red in many regions including California. Although it has a reputation to be smooth, and easy to drink when young, Merlot is also capable of producing extremely intense wines as well. Its softness and "fleshiness", combined with its earlier ripening, makes Merlot an ideal grape to blend with the sterner, later-ripening Cabernet Sauvignon.

**CABERNET** Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the world's most widely recognized red wine grape varieties. Despite its prominence in the world of wine, the grape is a relatively new variety being the product of a chance crossing between Cabernet franc and Sauvignon blanc sometime during the 17th century in southwestern France. One of the most noted traits of Cabernet Sauvignon is its affinity for oak, either during fermentation or in barrel aging. In addition to having a softening effect on the grape's naturally high tannins, the unique wood flavors of vanilla and spice complement the natural grape flavors of black currant and tobacco.

## TASTING NOTES

**Berry and currant** character. Delicate and fruity, with **soft tannins**."

**FOOD PAIRING** A fantastic wine to have on hand for strip sirloin on the grill, steak fajitas or burgers.



A wall sets the limits of the Barrail property



The Chai