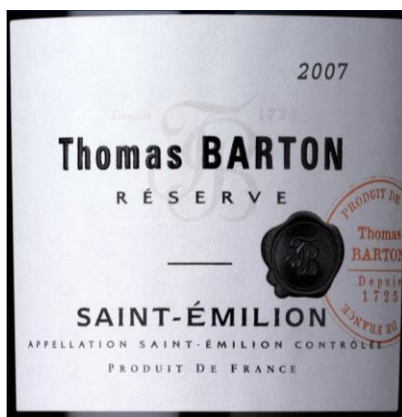




Thomas Barton Réserve Saint-Emilion 2012



This wine is the ultimate homage to Thomas Barton who came to Bordeaux from Ireland in 1725. He quickly became the most important wine merchant in Bordeaux having built a solid reputation among faithful customers all over Europe, who recognized his expertise and know-how. The spirit of Thomas Barton has been perpetuated in this prestigious wine. The packaging reflects the classic elegance of the 18th century: a typical “flacon bordelais” bottle – a short capsule – a long cork – and a sober label mentioning the name of the shipper and the appellation.

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Classification: Appellation Saint Emilion Contrôlée

Region: Situated on the right bank of the Dordogne river, near Libourne and Pomerol

Grape Varieties: 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc

Soil: Limestone covered by clay, sand or gravel

Climate: Oceanic, mild and humid

Vinification: De-stalked grapes – Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation in vats – 6 months of ageing in American oak barrels (of which 50% new). Regular rackings (every 3 months) and fining before bottling.

Viticulture: Selection of the best terroirs. Sorting of the grapes in the vineyard. Low yields, hand tending, careful selection and minimal interference in the natural ripening of the grapes .

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Appearance: Intense garnet red with purple highlights.

Nose: Fine and elegant with ripe red berries on the first nose mixed with flattering liquorice and minty notes.

Palate: A classic Saint Emilion wine with present but velvety tannins and a long fruity finish with a touch of oak.

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Food Matches: Duck breast “Vigneronne”, medallion of Monkfish in a St Emilion sauce. Best between 16-18°C.

Wine list comments: This wine shows its personality, a harmony between the grape variety and it’s “terroir”. Harvested at full maturity, it will reveal its full potential in the coming months.

Awards: * Bronze Medal – Decanter World Wine Awards 2013 – UK – 2011 vintage
 * Gold Medal – Sélections Mondiales des Vins 2012 – Canada (2010 vintage)
 * Silver Medal – Concours Mondial Bruxelles 2010 – Belgium
 * Selection in « Bordeaux Coup de Cœur (Best of Bordeaux) 2010 - Belgium
 * Selection in “Bordeaux Op Z’n Best” (Best of Bordeaux) 2008 - Netherlands
 “Very Good” (Sehr Gut) – Mundus Vini 2006 – Germany (vintage 2004)

Press Review: * Wine Enthusiast – Buying Guide – Rating: 88/100 (2010 vintage)
 * Gilbert & Gaillard – French Guide – Rating: 84/100 (2007 vintage)
 * Guide Hubert – French Restaurant Guide – 4 star rating (2006 vintage)
 * Wine Enthusiast – USA – Buying Guide – Rating: 86/100 (2006 vintage)
 * Selected in “The Wine Guide” – by Andreas Larsson – Best Sommelier of the World 2007



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PRESS REVIEW:

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“Some wood aging gives this Merlot-dominated wine a full structure, with attractive tannins and juicy black fruits. It is ripe, full-bodied and very approachable now.”
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“Deep colour. A mix of jammy red fruits, macerated fruits and oak notes on the nose. A medium body wine displaying a measure of firmness and more of the oak tannins. A classic style wine, a tad austere that works best with red meat.
(2007 vintage)
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- The Wine Guide – Winter 2008/2009
by Andreas Larsson – Best Sommelier of the World 2007 :
"Young, dark and bright purple, good purity of fruit, dark berries, a slight touch of oak and spices, fine grip on the palate, elegant and medium-bodied with nice purity, freshness and length."
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