HOUSE OF TOWNEND

La Réserve de Léoville Barton 2018, Saint Julien

Price	£36.99
Code	RESE005

This is the second wine of the prestigious Château Léoville Barton, made from younger vines and select parcels to offer a more approachable expression of the estate's signature style. The 2018 vintage benefited from a warm growing season, producing ripe, balanced fruit with exceptional character. Ideal for both immediate enjoyment and short-term aging, it’s a quintessential Bordeaux, perfect for those who appreciate finesse and subtle complexity.



Tasting Notes:

This is a blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet Franc, offering an attractive nose of vibrant red fruit balsamic, and pencil lead. On the palate, it is structured and well-balanced, with a delightful combination of spicy notes and beautiful black fruit flavours. The wine has a powerful, dense character, yet remains elegant and refined, with a touch of cedar from the French oak aging. Medium-bodied, gentle spice, and smooth tannins, delivering a fine balance between richness and freshness, with impressive length and a silky texture.

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Specification	
Vinification	This second wine of Château Léoville Barton is made from young vines and select plots not deemed suitable for the Grand Vin. The Merlot was harvested from September 21st to 24th, followed by the Cabernet Sauvignon and Franc from September 29th to October 6th, all by hand. After de-stemming, the berries are carefully sorted, crushed, and fermented in thermo-regulated wooden vats. The fermentation lasts 7 to 10 days, with gentle extraction, and maceration lasts about 3 weeks. The wine is aged for 16 to 18 months in French oak barrels of one wine at a consistent 15°C.
ABV	13.5%
Size	75cl
Drinking Window	Drink now
Country	France
Region	Bordeaux
Area	Saint-Julien
Type	Red Wine
Grape Mix	72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet Franc
Vintage	2018
Body	Rich, round and full flavoured
Producer	Château Leoville Barton
Producer Overview	The history of Léoville-Barton and Langoa is closely connected, as there is no Château Léoville-Barton, but only a vineyard – the wine of Château Léoville-Barton is made in Château Langoa Barton - yet it is Château Léoville-Barton which is a Deuxieme Grand Cru Classé.
Closure Type	Cork