



Château La Valière Médoc AOC BORDEAUX (FRANCE)

Grapes: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot
Viticulture: Garonne gravel. 30-year old vines. 12 months in French oak barrique.
Alcohol: 13% vol.
Appearance: Dark ruby
Nose: Rich, ripe red cherries.
Palate: Coffee, vanilla beans and cocoa nibs meld with strawberries, raspberries, black cherries and integrated tannins.
Food Pairings: Lamb, beef or mushroom dishes.
Awards: The Château La Valière has won a Gold Medal on « concours des vins des Vignerons Indépendants 2013 » and a Gold Medal on « concours des vins Féminale 2013 ».

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Bordeaux Wine Region of France

Climate: Temperate climate, short winters and a high degree of humidity due its closeness to the Atlantic.

The **Bordeaux** wine region is named after the region's main city, Bordeaux and is divided by the Gironde estuary with the majority of the vineyards located either on its "right" or "left" bank. There are many sub-zones along both banks known for their exceptional quality such as: Margaux, Saint-Julien, **Pauillac**, Saint-Estephe, Médoc, Saint-Emilion, and Pomerol to name a few. The current permissible red grapes allowed are: **Merlot**, **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Cabernet Franc**, Malbec and Petite Verdot. Common white grapes allowed are Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon and Muscadelle.

Bordeaux is one of the most important wine regions in the world with its complicated system of classifying reds from the Chateau's in the Médoc by quality from Fifth to First Growth. The great **Classification of 1855** was ordered by Napoleon III and still holds today. Only one white wine was included in this honored classification, Château d'Yquem which produces a famous dessert wine called Sauternes.

In a broad sense, the term **Médoc** is typically coined as the geographical area of the Left Bank. However, the AOC is comprised of these sub-regions: Haut-Médoc AOC, Margaux AOC, Listrac-Médoc AOC, Moulis-en-Médoc AOC, Saint-Julien AOC, Pauillac AOC, Saint-Estèphe AOC. Many of these are included in the Classification of 1855, however **Médoc** proper is not.