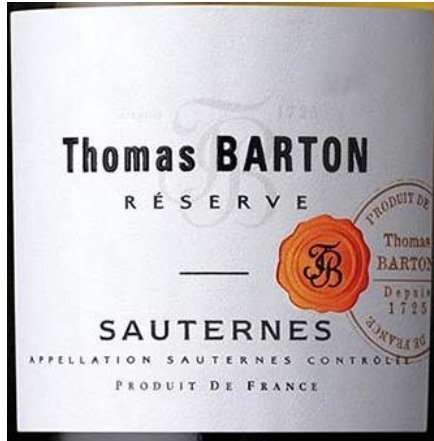




## Thomas Barton Réserve Sauternes 2016



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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Sauternes Contrôlée

**Region:** Located at 40 kilometres to the south-east of Bordeaux, surrounded by the Graves region

**Grape Varieties:** 80% Sémillon, 20% Sauvignon Blanc

Gravel, chalk and clay

**Soil:**

**Climate:** Oceanic, mild and humid

**Vinification:** Picking berry by berry as only the rotten (noble rot!) ones are taken – Pressing of the berries – alcoholic fermentation in oak barrels in order to enhance volume and concentration– Ageing on the lees with stirring in oak barrels for 2 months.

**Viticulture:** Selection of the best terroirs in Sauternes. Hand picking. Low yields, hand tending, careful selection and minimal interference in the natural ripening of the grapes.

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**Appearance:** Brilliant and golden yellow colour.

**Nose:** Fine and elegant with tropical fruits and orange peel hints when agitated.

**Palate:** Full, harmonious with a good balance and a long fruity aftertaste.

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**Food Matches:** Foie gras, blue cheese, crème brûlée flavoured with orange, turbot fillet with Sauternes wine and curry sauce, dried apricot and almond turkey or as a sweet aperitif! – Best between 8°C and 10°C

**Wine list comments:** Perfect balance between sweetness and freshness, with hints of dried fruit, honey and spice. Great wine, excellent pleasure.

**Medals:** \*Gold Medal – Berlin Wein Trophy 2016 – Germany– 2013 vintage

\*Silver Medal – Mundus Vini 2016 – Germany – 2013 vintage

\*Gold Medal-Mundus Vini-2015-Germany-2015

**Press review:** \*Gold medal- Berliner Wine Trophy- Germany-2015

\*Selected in TOP 100 BEST OF BORDEAUX

\* Wine Enthusiast – Buying Guide – Rating: 88/100 – USA– September 2012 (vintage 2009)

\* Wine Enthusiast – Buying Guide – Rating: 90/100 – USA – June 2010 (vintage 2005)