







Thomas BARTON RESERVE SAINT-EMILION 2020

INTRODUCTION:

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 knowhow. The spirit of Thomas Barton has been perpetuated in this prestigious wine. The packaging reflects the classic elegance of the 18^{th} 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.

PRODUCTION:

Appellation: Appellation Saint-Emilion Contrôlée.

Region: Situated on the left bank of the Gironde estuary.

Blend: 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc.

Soil: Limestone covered by clay, sand or gravel.

Climate: Oceanic, mild and humid.

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.

Winemaking: 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.

TASTING:

Sight: Ruby red color, bright and brilliant.

Nose: High aromatic expression with aromas of red wild fruits such as raspberries and dried cranberries framed by nutmeg and forest floor notes.

Palate: Juicy and forward. The acidity delivers backbone to this lively wine. Soft and well-balanced tannins. Long length.

PRACTICAL:

Food and wine: Duck breast "Vigneronne", medallion of Monkfish in a St Emilion wine sauce.

Serve between 16-18°C. Decant 15 minutes before service.

AWARDS:

90 Points – James Suckling – Vintage 2020



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