

WESTERN RESERVE WINES CLUB SEPTEMBER 2023

WINE: *Boyer-de Bar Sauvignon Blanc La Glaciere*

VARIETALS: *100% Sauvignon Blanc*

Viticulture Area: *Languedoc, France*



Bottle Price: \$19.99 Case Price: \$215.89 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

The history of Languedoc wines can be traced to the first vineyards planted along the coast near Narbonne by the early Greeks in the fifth century BC. Along with parts of Provence, these are the oldest planted vineyards in France. The region of Languedoc has belonged to France since the thirteenth century and the Roussillon was acquired from Spain in the mid-seventeenth century. The two regions were joined as one administrative region in the late 1980s.

REGION

Languedoc-Roussillon wine, including the *vin de pays* labeled *Vin de Pays d'Oc*, is produced in southern France. While "Languedoc" can refer to a specific historic region of France and Northern Catalonia, usage since the 20th century (especially in the context of wine) has primarily referred to the northern part of the Languedoc-Roussillon region of France, an area which spans the Mediterranean coastline from the French border with Spain to the region of Provence. The area has around 700,000 acres (2,800 km²) under vines and is the single biggest wine-producing region in the world, being responsible for more than a third of France's total wine production. In 2001, the region produced more wine than the United States.



Languedoc-Roussillon

The Languedoc-Roussillon region shares many terrain and climate characteristics with the neighboring regions of Southern Rhône and Provence. The region stretches 150 miles (240 km) from the Banyuls AOC at the Spanish border and Pyrenees in the west, along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to the river Rhône and Provence in the east. The northern boundaries of the region sit on the Massif Central with the Cévennes mountain ranges and valleys dominating the area. Many vineyards are located along the river Hérault.

PRODUCER

Vincent Boyer has been at the helm of his family's historic Burgundy estate Domaine Boyer-Martenot since 2002. From his cellar in Meursault, he crafts wines of elegance, class, and textural purity. Emmanuel Lucas De Bar is Vincent's close friend that he met in winemaking school, whose family owns organically farmed vineyards in the Hérault valley of France, at the site of a 12th century monastery.

In 2018, the two friends decided to start their own domaine, Boyer de Bar, bringing together Emmanuel's pristinely cared for vineyards and Vincent's skill as a grower/winemaker. The idea was simple, make affordable and delicious wines from organically grown fruit vinified in the exact same way as Vincent's top Meursaults. After the grapes are hand harvested, vinification is done in Vincent's cellar in Meursault, where all of the wines except for the Sauvignon Blanc (made traditionally in stainless steel) are fermented with indigenous yeast and aged in barrel for 12 months before being racked to concrete and stainless steel for an additional 8 months of aging before bottling. That's a full 20 month *élevage*, the same regimen he gives his Meursault Perrières, and a length of time only seen at Burgundy's top addresses. Vincent and Emmanuel have accomplished a rare feat in the wine world, crafting gorgeous terroir-expressive values using top farming methods and high-level winemaking normally saved for wines at the highest of price echelons.



This is an incredibly unique estate that will reward both your palate and wallet.

Tasting Notes:

This organic Sauvignon Blanc from famed Burgundian winemaker Vincent Boyer is incredibly lively with bright notes of lemon zest, white flowers, orchard fruit, crushed limestone, and ruby grapefruit.

Food Suggestions:

The sea-spray minerality makes this endlessly refreshing and perfect on its own or with lighter fare.

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Sources:

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- Certified organic
- 100% Sauvignon Blanc
- From the Hérault Valley
- Clay and limestone terroir
- 25+ year old vines
- Indigenous yeast
- No malo
- Fermented and aged in stainless steel