CHÂTEAU PIBARNON



(Bandol)

Rated #9 out of the top 144
Mediterranean wines
by La Revue du Vin de France.

"Henri de Saint-Victor has smoothly passed the reins to his son Eric. The philosophy of the domain remains the optimal expression of their Mourvedre, planted in a beautiful amphitheater of vines overlooking the Cadiere d'Azur. Patiently restored, Pibarnon represents the quintessence of Provencal's capacity to produce great red wine. With a superb terroir of triassic limestone, a perfectionist viticulture, long vinifications aimed at preserving the character of the grape, cap punch-down, and ageing in large casks, Pibarnon is a wine that reveals its virtues early, with unusually precocious fruit. But with five or six years in the bottle, the wine shows its breeding. A truly great wine, instinct with harmony, both modern and anchored in tradition. This unique cuvee expresses the whole terroir, hardly the least achievement of this iconic cru."