



## Château Barrail Tapon

### Nicole TAPON

**Your main character trait?**

I am committed and generous

**Your favorite activity?**

Spending time with my daughter Aliénor and my family

**What do you like about wine?**

The light in the eye of the one you share a glass with

**What is your motto?**

Let's settle for good things

The Tapon family has been based in Saint-Émilion for 17 generations as winegrowers! In 1999, after business studies and a training at the Bordeaux Faculty of Oenology, I naturally found my place in the family estate, that has always been led in organic farming, with my parents Raymond and Dédée Tapon. In 2001, my husband Jean-Christophe Renaut joined me in the vineyard leaving his Parisian sommelier job. We work with 22 hectares of vines today, located in the terroirs of Montagne Saint-Émilion. Since 2011, our wines are organic farming certified and we strive to maintain our vineyard in a natural environment: between earth, animals and stars.



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### MONTAGNE SAINT EMILION

**Village:** Montagne

**Total winegrowing area:** 22 hectares

**Terroir:** Soil of clay upon asteriated limestone - Molasse of Fronsac area underground - 100-meter-high plateau and slope - 50-year-old vines

**Winemaking and ageing:** Hand-picked harvest at the end of september / beginning of october. Most natural vinification possible, without input apart from sulphur. Ageing in 30% oak barrels and 70% in vats.

**Blend:** 80% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Franc, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Tasting comments:** Intense colour. Open nose of pine resin notes. Nice and frank start of blackberries and underwood notes. The whole is juicy and driven by powerful and fine tannins; full expression of its terroir. A wine with no frills.

**Food and wine pairings:** Candied and tender piece of beef, Stuffed veal cutlets with girolles



**Awards:**

Vintage 2020:

- 91 BEST BUY WINE ENTHUSIAST 2022
- GOLD 70 MILLIONS DE DEGUSTATEURS 2021 (LMSE2020)
- GOLD FEMINALISE 2022
- GOLD ASIA IMPORT NEWS AWARDS 2021 (LMSE2020)
- GOLD SINGAPORE COMPETITION 2021 (LMSE2020)

Vintage 2019:

- 88 points JAMES SUCKLING 2022
- GOLD INTERNATIONAL ORGANIC AWARDS 2020
- GOLD GILBERT ET GAILLARD 2020
- GOLD PARIS WINE CUP 2021
- GOLD ASIA IMPORT NEWS AWARDS 2021 (LMSE19)
- GOLD SINGAPORE COMPETITION 2021 (LMSE19)
- GOLD 70 MILLIONS DE DEGUSTATEURS 2021 (LMSE19)
- GOLD AMERICA WINE AWARDS 2020
- SILVER SAKURA 2021 (LMSE19)
- SILVER CWWSC 2021
- SILVER INTERNATIONAL WINE AWARDS 2020