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## Original B&G Merlot 2018

**Organic Wine** 





Original B&G is the 1st French wine made with organically grown grapes signed by Barton & Guestier. It reflects the philosophy of B&G's environmentally-conscious commitment to future generations.

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	Classification: IGP Pays d'Oc
P	Grape Varieties: Merlot
R	<b>Soil:</b> Limestone and clay (north of the Gard area, more specifically on the Cevennes slops)
U U	Climate: Mediterranean, very windy with high temperatures and exceptional sun
C T I	<b>Vinification:</b> Optimum ripeness of the grapes - De-stalking and crushing of the grapes $-25\%$ of the crop is vinified at high temperature $-25\%$ of the crop has a long maceration (3 weeks) $-50\%$ of the harvest has a short vatting period with 2 rack and return per day on the first days of alcoholic fermentation
N	<b>Viticulture:</b> Organically grown grapes, no irrigation, careful selection and no interference in the natural ripening of the grapes, medium yield (50 hl/ha on a normal year)
T	Appearance: Intense garnet red with purple highlights.
A S	<b>Nose:</b> Intense, fruit driven, mixing flattering notes of raspberry, cherry and wild strawberry. When agitated, nice toasty and vanilla aromas appear
T E	Palate: Harmonious, elegant with velvety tannins and a long aftertaste. To enjoy now!
P	Barbecue, pasta dishes, strong cheeses, risottos, chocolate desserts – <b>Food Matches:</b> Best between 16 °C and 18 °C.

An approachable, easy to drink wine, simple to appreciate at any time.

Wine list comments: Fruity, soft on the palate, long finish.

**Press Review: Bronze Medal** – Japan Wine Challenge 2020 – 2019 vintage **Awards: Bronze Medal** – NOFFLA – Irish Wine Show 2010-11

**BEST BUY** – 85 points – Wine Enthusiast – February 2010 - USA