

# CHÂTEAU BAROUILLET NV SPLASH! PÉTILLANT NATUREL



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Vincent Alexis is the latest of eight generations to grow vines and make wine on this substantial estate in Bergerac and a rising star in the natural wine scene. His father and grandfather still work with him on the hundred-plus acres. Vincent has returned the domain to traditional, organic practices in the vineyard and the cellar. Indeed tiny quantities of sulfites are the only additive he allows. He pays meticulous attention to each vine, and practices rigorous cleanliness in the cellar. They have 14 grape varieties planted and Vincent intends to keep re-planting old varieties until he is the first in the area to have all traditional permitted varieties. There is no recipe for the wines. Depending on the style they are raised in a mixture of stainless-steel tanks, concrete vats, amphorae, and barrels old and new. Vincent aims for freshness and pleasure in all his wines. Wood is used primarily for its controlled oxidative action rather than any vanilla or toast flavoring.

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## *Tasting Note:*

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## *Shelf Talker:*

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