



CHATEAU HAUT-BRION



## *Château Bahans Haut-Brion*

*1998*

Château Haut-Brion's tasting notes :

Very lovely, rich and deep color. A smoky character, emblematic of the Haut-Brion terroir, shapes the first olfactory impression. Depending on the taster's sensitivities, the wine may reveal burnt aromas as well as notes of roasted coffee, ripe fruit, prune, ripe banana, tobacco, caramel or licorice.

We thus find a level of aromatic complexity perhaps unexpected in this second-label wine of Château Haut-Brion. It shares all of the top wine's elegance and raciness.

The terroir's personality is highly evident in this wine, with exceptional balance and firm tannins that are both supple and ripe at the finish. Lovely structure on the palate. It is the perfect example of what a second-label wine of a first growth should be like; put simply, it presents all the qualities of the estate's top wine on a reduced scale.

Weather conditions

Sum of temperatures : 3354 °C

Rain : 537 mm

Days where temperature above 30 °C : 22

Harvest : from 15/09/1998 to 30/09/1998

Current vintage notes

Very rainy month of April. This characteristic proved remarkably useful as the month of May was dry, June normal, July normal largely due to two days of storms with very heavy rain. August was one of the driest on record and in September the downpours only began after September 25th.



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