



CHATEAU HAUT-BRION



## *Château Haut-Brion Blanc*

*1999*

Château Haut-Brion's tasting notes :

The parcels used for Haut-Brion Blanc are very close to those used for Laville Haut-Brion and yet the first wine is very different from the second. It exhibits a beautiful, deep and rich straw yellow hue, with greenish reflections. The first impression is the fatness of the wine, its suave, round and mellow qualities resulting from the very ripe Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc grapes used. As with all wines in this style, the Sauvignon Blanc dominates when the wine is young, while the Sémillon is revealed later as the wine matures. It is a complex wine, with a very long finish, elegantly supple, ending on a lively and fresh note. A great vintage that will only improve with age.

Weather conditions

Sum of temperatures : 3495 °C

Rain : 567 mm

Days where temperature above 30 °C : 19

Harvest : from 30/08/1999 to 24/09/1999

Current vintage notes

The last year of the millennium will be remembered for several extraordinary meteorological events. First came the eclipse of the sun on August 11th. The second phenomena consisted of two extremely violent storms that struck the Sud-Ouest. One came on August 7th and was severe but short lived and the second struck on December 27th with an unprecedented violence. It lasted from sundown until the wee hours of the morning with the hiatus being between 8PM to 10PM. It wreaked havoc on the entire region. Ultimately, 1999 was a relatively hot year and 2% warmer than the mean temperatures recorded during the past forty years. This is a considerable difference. For the most part the year will go down as one with brutal climactic events. July was dry with the exception of three days of violent storms. In a few hours the rainfall surpassed 35% of the usual July precipitation. The rain continued at the beginning of August but the weather changed abruptly at the time of the eclipse on August 11th. For one month not a drop fell. September 20th suddenly torrential rain returned spilling 79 millimetres in one day, a quota that entailed 125% of the usual rainfall for the entire month of September.



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