



CHATEAU HAUT-BRION



## *Château Haut-Brion Blanc*

*2003*

Château Haut-Brion's tasting notes :

There is a great complexity blending white fruits and citrus. The first impression is of enveloping sweetness. The wine totally fills the mouth. There is no let up. This wine has an incredible structure and volume. The finish is long due to the freshness. This is an exceptional white Haut-Brion.

Weather conditions

Sum of temperatures : 3696 °C

Rain : 263 mm

Days where temperature above 30 °C : 49

Harvest : from 19/08/2003 to 15/09/2003

Current vintage notes

2003 was without a doubt a very exceptional year in terms of the weather. Although it did not beat the record for lowest rainfall, attained in 1961 (258 mm) for the period April to September inclusive, 2003 comes immediately afterwards with 263 mm. The hundred-year average is 410 mm and in the wettest year; in 1992, 697 mm of rain fell. However, in terms of temperature, all the records were broken. Accumulated average daily temperatures for the above period were around 3,161, with the hottest year (1997) until then reaching 3,494, but for 2003 the figure was 3,696; while the average for very hot days above 30°C/86°F is 16, there were 49 in 2003, more than three times as many!



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