



CHATEAU HAUT-BRION



Château Haut-Brion 2010

Château Haut-Brion's tasting notes :

AN OUTSTANDING YEAR

This wine is a superb ruby-red colour with purplish highlights. The initially closed-in bouquet opens up nicely on aeration. The wonderfully subtle aromas follow through in quick succession, starting with oaky overtones, followed by red-berry fruit, leading into terroir character: cocoa powder, roasting coffee, and Havana cigars. The initial softness on the palate gradually evolves to reveal the tannic backbone. Despite their dense structure, the tannins are amazingly silky. The overall freshness carries the flavours through into an aftertaste that goes on and on. This wine has all the depth and smoothness of the 1989, the density of the 2000, the freshness of the 2005, and the richness of the 2009. This 2010 Château Haut-Brion is so ideally well-balanced, it verges on perfection. This vintage, we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of Mr. Clarence Dillon's acquisition of Château Haut-Brion in 1935. This outstanding wine is the best tribute we could possibly pay him.

Merlot Noir 23% Cabernet Sauvignon 57% Cabernet Franc 20%
Date of the harvest: Sept. 9th – Oct. 9th
To drink ideally around: 2020/2035

Weather conditions

Rainfall: 225 mm
Total production Gironde: 5,7 million hl
Number of days over 30°C/86°F: 24

Current vintage notes

A dry year with an arid summer.

The weather during the growing season, from early April to late September, was the driest since 1949. Total rainfall was just over half the average for the past 60 years: 225 mm compared to the usual 400 mm. (For your information, the wettest summer was 1992, with nearly 700 mm! Interestingly, 2005 was the second-driest vintage after 2010, with 229 mm). This water deficit caused dehydration in the vines, concentrating the grape juice and producing the highest values ever measured, particularly in terms of sugar content. The very cool nights promoted the accumulation of anthocyanins, so the 2010 red wines are the deepest-coloured in recent years.



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