



## CHATEAU HAUT-BRION



### *Château Haut-Brion 2012*

Château Haut-Brion's tasting notes :

#### VERY GOOD YEAR

Merlot plays a special role in this vintage since it forms two thirds of the final blend. The nose is subtle, elegant and very complex, with delicate hints of red fruit, blackberry and blackcurrant as well as more generous notes of liquorice, roasting coffee, oak and a nearly floral side that defies description. The tightly-knit structure is obvious from the beginning. However, it soon appears that the tannin is also quite rich, making the wine soft, rich, juicy and delicious. It already has a beautiful long aftertaste. The 2012 can vie with the estate's great successes.

*65.5% Merlot, 32.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc*

*Harvest from September 17 through October 9.*

*To drink ideally around: 2022/2042.*

#### Weather conditions

Rainfall: 397 mm

Total production Gironde: 5,24 million hl

Number of days over 30°C/86°F: 24

#### Current vintage notes

The 2012 vintage was uneven from bud break, which was disturbed by a cool, wet month of April, to véraison (color change), which took place over a long period. Fortunately, the months of July and August 2012 were ideal: warm and dry. This fine summer weather enabled us to do everything possible in the vineyard in order to make up for the poor spring weather.

For two months, our team worked meticulously to make ripening as homogeneous as possible, and removed any green grapes at véraison. The harvest for both red and white wines began under sunny skies.

2012 is a truly fine vintage for early-ripening terroirs such as ours.



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