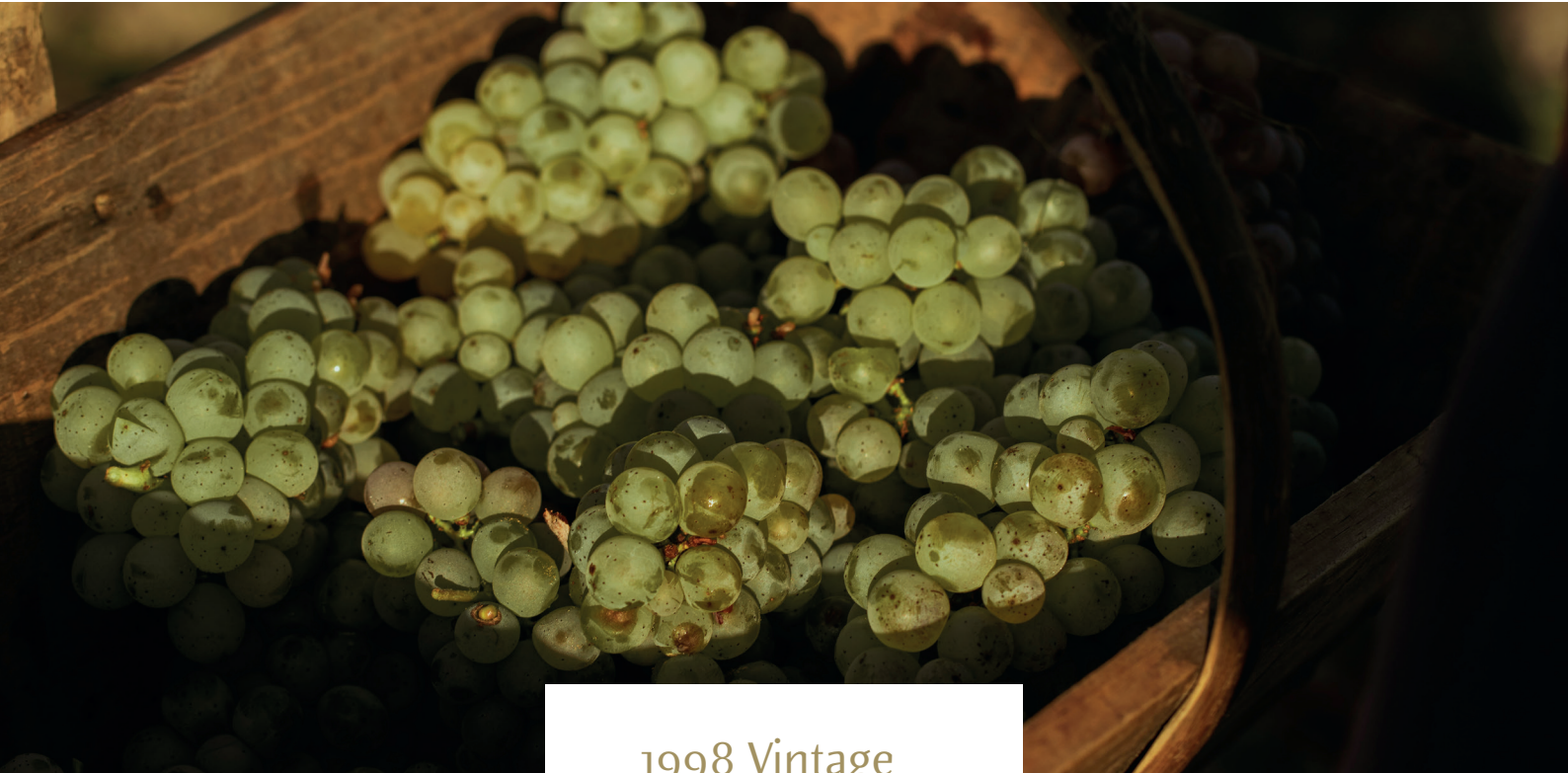




CHATEAU HAUT-BRION

PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855



1998 Vintage

The Climate

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.

Some Technical Information

Harvest dates From September 7th to 9th

Blend Sauvignon Blanc: 50% ; Sémillon: 50%

Alcohol 14%

Bottling date July 9th 1999

Tasting note

Present immediately on the nose, this wine's power is its dominant element from start to finish. The richness offered by this vintage is remarkable. But the most surprising aspect is the wine's structure, nearly akin to that usually found only in red wines. Mellow above all else, it also offers a wondrous array of aromatic notes, with the soft nuances characteristic of Sémillon such as honey and toasted almonds and those typical of plump, ripe Sauvignon, including musk, touches of muscat as well as hints of anise, verbena and linden so similar to vine flowers. The finish offers great depth and longevity.

