



CHATEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION



1997 Vintage



The Climate

A hot, dry start to the year led to exceptionally early growth in the spring. There was unprecedented flowering on the vines at the end of April. At the beginning of May, showers delayed the end of flowering by more than a month. The September drought made for a trouble-free harvest and compensated for the uneven ripening.

Some Technical Information

Harvest Dates From the 3rd to the 25th of September

Blend Merlot Noir: 63% ; Cabernet Sauvignon: 32% ;
Cabernet Franc: 5%

New barrels 25%

Alcohol 12.5%

Bottling date From the 6th to the 10th of May 1999

Tasting note

Clean nose, with pronounced oak flavors together with subtle green pepper notes cradled by a gentle softness in the background. The wine has lovely fruit concentration, good longevity on the palate as well as excellent balance and offers complex panoply of aromas bringing together myriad fruits and spices with more prominent cinnamon notes. Slight bitterness on the finish but with a creamy and soft texture. Grapes not having reached optimum ripeness leave their mark on this wine but its well-structured tannins should allow for excellent maturation over the next five to ten years.