



## CHATEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION



### 1999 Vintage



#### The Climate

This vintage will be remembered for several extraordinary meteorological events. First came the eclipse of the sun on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The second phenomena consisted of two extremely violent storms that struck the Sud-Ouest. One came on August 7<sup>th</sup> and was severe but short lived and the second struck on December 27<sup>th</sup> with an unprecedented violence. It lasted from sundown until the wee hours of the morning with the hiatus being between 8PM to 10PM. ultimately, 1999 was a relatively hot year and 2% warmer than the mean temperatures recorded during the past forty years. This is a considerable difference. For the most part the year will go down as one with brutal climactic events.

#### Some Technical Information

Harvest Dates From September 8<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>

Blend Merlot Noir: 40% ; Cabernet Sauvignon: 55% ;  
Cabernet Franc: 5%

New barrels 11%

Alcohol 13%

Bottling date From June 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 2001

#### Tasting note

Very lovely color, quite rich and deep. Clean, supple and slightly sweet, with ripe fruit and licorice aromas evident on the nose. Neither vegetal nor grassy on the palate, the wine has a smooth and uniform texture, which enhances its mouth feel. Little by little, the tannins emerge, lending their weight to the general impression of softness, giving a wonderfully elegant and lengthy finish. The overall impact is superbly harmonious for a second-label wine.