



CHATEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION



2008 Vintage



The Climate

A rainy and cool spring impeded vine growth and meant a late start for blossoms. In addition, a relatively cold and slightly moist August slowed the ripening of grapes. With the harvest period beginning about ten days after the date selected the previous year, 2008 was therefore a rather late vintage. In such a case, the behavior of the vine depends on the quality of the soil but also to a great extent on the winegrower's expertise and the hours of labor expended by personnel in the vineyard, before the harvest. Those two conditions for success were present at our Estates, 2008 proved a very good year for the quality of our red wines.

Some Technical Information

Harvest Dates From September 23rd to October 17th
Blend Merlot Noir: 39% ; Cabernet Sauvignon: 56% ;
Cabernet Franc: 5%
New barrels 36%
Alcohol 13.5%
Bottling date From May 27th to June 2nd 2010

Tasting note

Beautiful violet color. The nose is mature with traces of cherries. Right from the out start, the wine shows a great purity. Then, it evolves into a new structure of melded tannins. Finally we are left with a distinct impression of freshness. It has great charm.