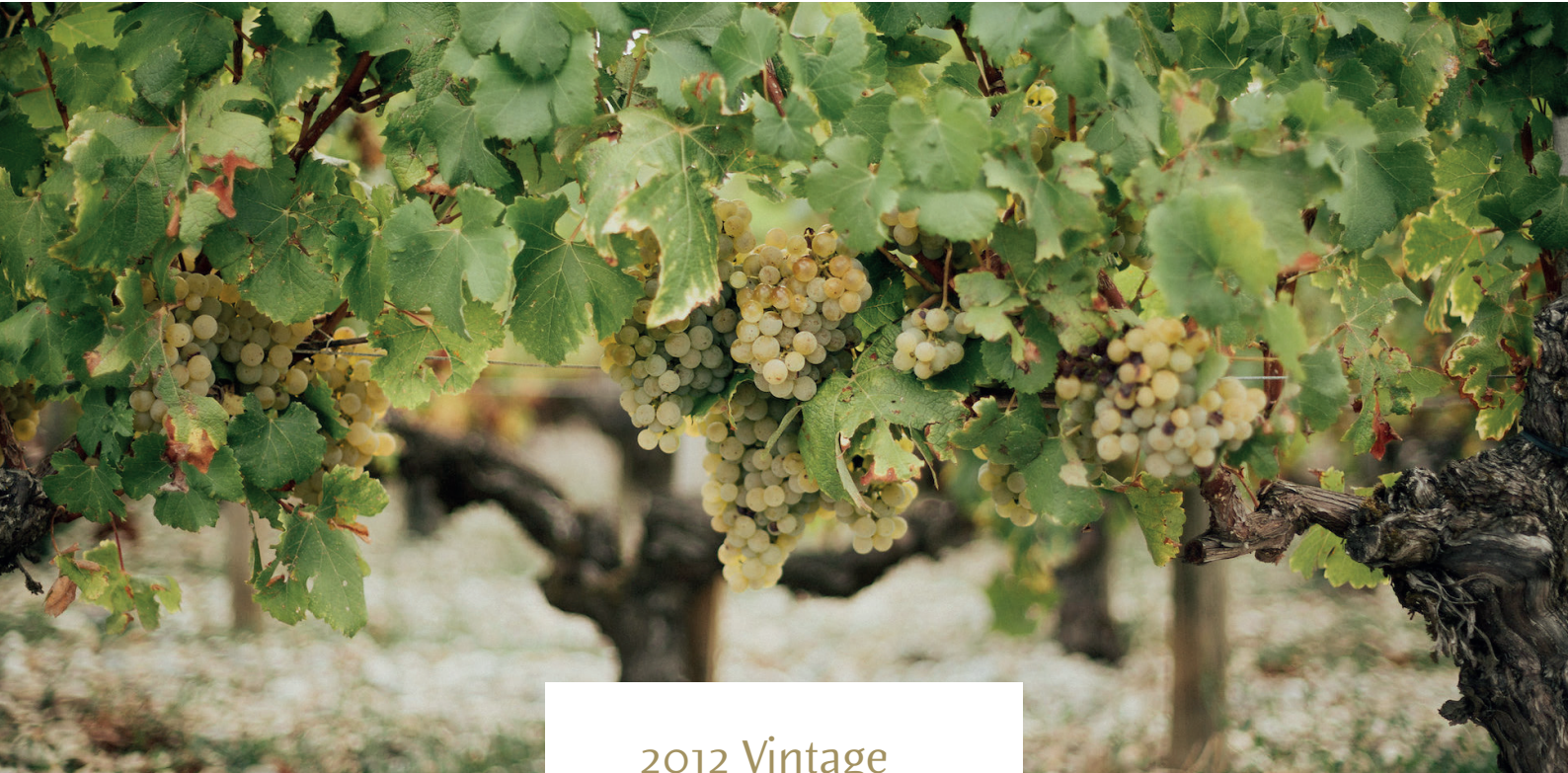




CHATEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION



2012 Vintage



The Climate

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.

Some Technical Information

Harvest Dates From the 4th to the 14th of September

Blend Semillon: 84%; Sauvignon Blanc: 16%

New barrels 55%

Alcohol 14.5%

Bottling date On June 20th 2013

Tasting note

The complex floral and white fruit bouquet features hints of citrus, peach, almond, and acacia. The wine starts off quite smooth and full-bodied on the palate with a freshness that carries the flavour through to a fine long aftertaste. However, this freshness is not overwhelming because the wine is also rich and powerful. This is unquestionably a great year for dry white wines.