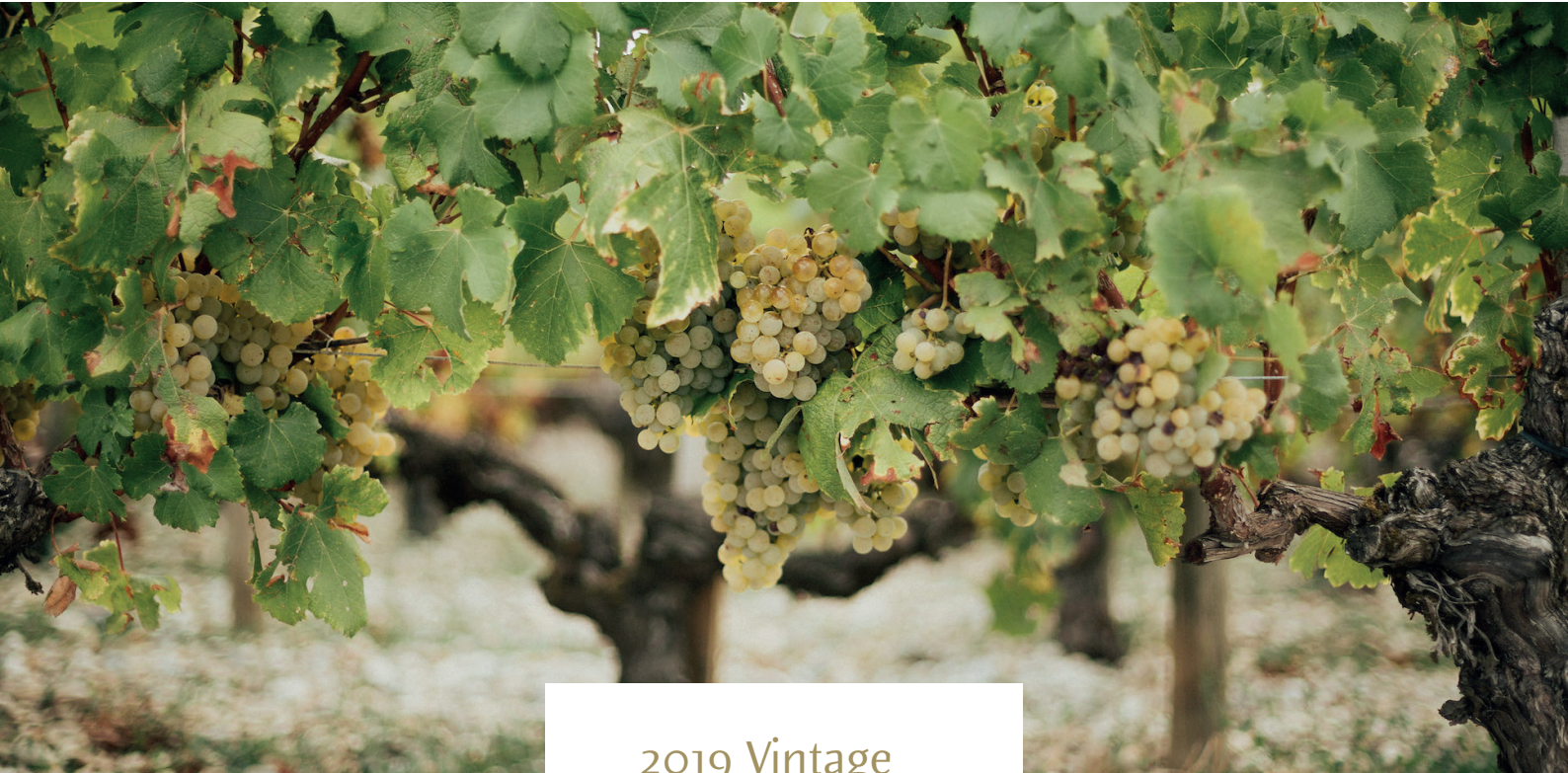
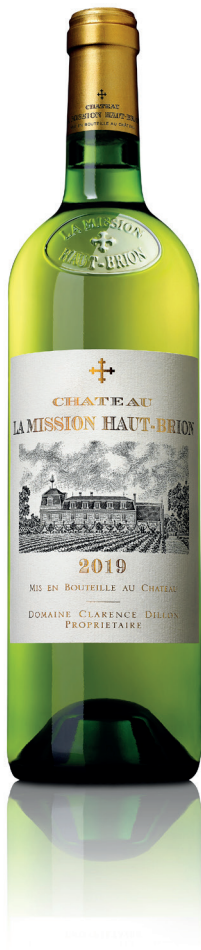




CHATEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION



2019 Vintage



The Climate

The winter of 2018-2019 was mild and dry. Cool temperatures in spring slowed down vine growth. Flowering took place in ideal conditions, without *coulure* (shot berries) nor *millerandage* (abnormal fruit set). Storm Miguel swept across the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region on the 7th of June, although our grapes were fortunately spared. Heavy, regular rainfall was conducive to vegetative growth, leading the vines to develop an impressive leaf canopy. The rain came to a sudden halt on the 22nd of June, and a series of successive heatwaves ensued. July was the third hottest in history after 2006 and 2013, with temperatures reaching a record-breaking 42°C on the 23rd. Fortunately, rain fell on the 26th, followed by cool nights in August, propitious to the synthesis of anthocyanins. *Véraison* (colour change) was slow but uninterrupted. September was marked by fine, dry and sunny conditions, interspersed by welcome rainfall. Thanks to this ideal spell of weather, all the grape varieties were harvested at peak ripeness and at a leisurely pace.

Some Technical Information

Harvest Dates From the 30th of August to the 10th of September

Blend Semillon: 69.9%; Sauvignon: 30.1%

New barrels 43%

Alcohol 14%

Bottling date On the 7th of May 2020

Tasting note

This wine is a beautiful pale-yellow colour with green highlights. At first, the bouquet is dominated by wonderfully ripe fruit, yet not excessively so. Sémillon comes to the fore with aeration, accompanied by hints of lime. Starts out broad-based and delicious on the palate, becoming rich and full-bodied, underpinned by a discreet yet efficient streak of acidity until the finish which appears to go on for an eternity... This La Mission vintage undoubtedly has further surprises in store that will be revealed after several years of ageing.