



CHATEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION



1996 Vintage

The Climate

The climate of 1996 was mostly characterized by its great irregularity. Except for a few days in July, there were no long hot periods. It began to rain rather late in August. The first half of September was temperate but it rained all the time during the second half. Altogether the summer was average with a few nice intervals.

Some Technical Information

Harvest Dates From September 16th to October 4th
Blend Merlot Noir: 61%; Cabernet Sauvignon: 39%;
New barrels 62%
Alcohol 13%
Bottling date From June 11th to 19th of 1998

Tasting note

One first notes a normal color, only slightly evolved, and then suddenly one is struck by the complex aromas of this wine. The aromatic volume is amazing. In the mouth it is a wine that first of all is dominated by the cabernet. The tannins are firm, rather powerful and still hardly assimilated into the ensemble. It is the type of wine that one must wait for. The tannic and aromatic strengths are there but remain disassociated. It is a classic wine of a very good year for the Cabernets.

