



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: 43%; Cabernet Sauvignon: 51%;
Cabernet Franc: 6%

New barrels 72%

Alcohol 14%

Bottling date From June 3rd to 9th 2010

Tasting note

Resplendent colour of intense red. Complex nose of ripe red fruit accompanied by familiar accents typical of this great estate. This «grand vin» at first somewhat closed on the palate, slowly opens to reveal a great length and finesse of ripe fruit. The dense tannins mesh beautifully. A very fine La Mission Haut-Brion.