



CHATEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION



Vintage 2021

The Climate

Mild temperatures in winter 2021 bring about an early budburst on 1st March. The incidence of frost on 7th April, which hits all winegrowing areas in France, spares La Mission Haut-Brion for the most part, thanks to its terroir. Cool temperatures in the following weeks slow down the vine's growth and are accompanied by heavy rainfall in May and June, but this is not actually detrimental to good flowering. Work carried out by the winegrower is crucial during this year 2021. The vines need a great deal of attention. In August, thanks to a warm, dry turn in the weather and cool temperatures at night, eagerly awaited ripeness gradually reaches all the early-ripening plots of La Mission Haut-Brion. Every year, it is a decision-making process that takes into account the grapes' ripeness and weather conditions which determines the date for the start of the harvests. After a season of changeable weather, these two factors reach a fine balance and enable us to pick the grapes serenely. The harvest begins in perfect climatic conditions. The grapes gathered are of extraordinary quality, both in terms of ripeness and aromatic characteristics, for all the grape varieties. Ultimately, 2021 is positively and most definitely a surprising year

Some Technical Information

Blend Merlot : 47,9 % ; Cabernet Sauvignon : 45,8 %
Cabernet Franc : 6,3 %

New barrels 73 %

Alcohol 13,4 %

Tasting note

The colour is a bold purple. The nose is aromatic, concentrated and fruity on fragrances of blackberry and vanilla-scented wood. Full on the first taste, it is wide with a superb, predominant flavour of fruit. Then the wine develops on perceptible tannins, but plump, velvety and flavourful. There is excellent, refreshing length.

This is a lovely, aromatic Mission Haut-Brion, crafted with superb length on the finish.

