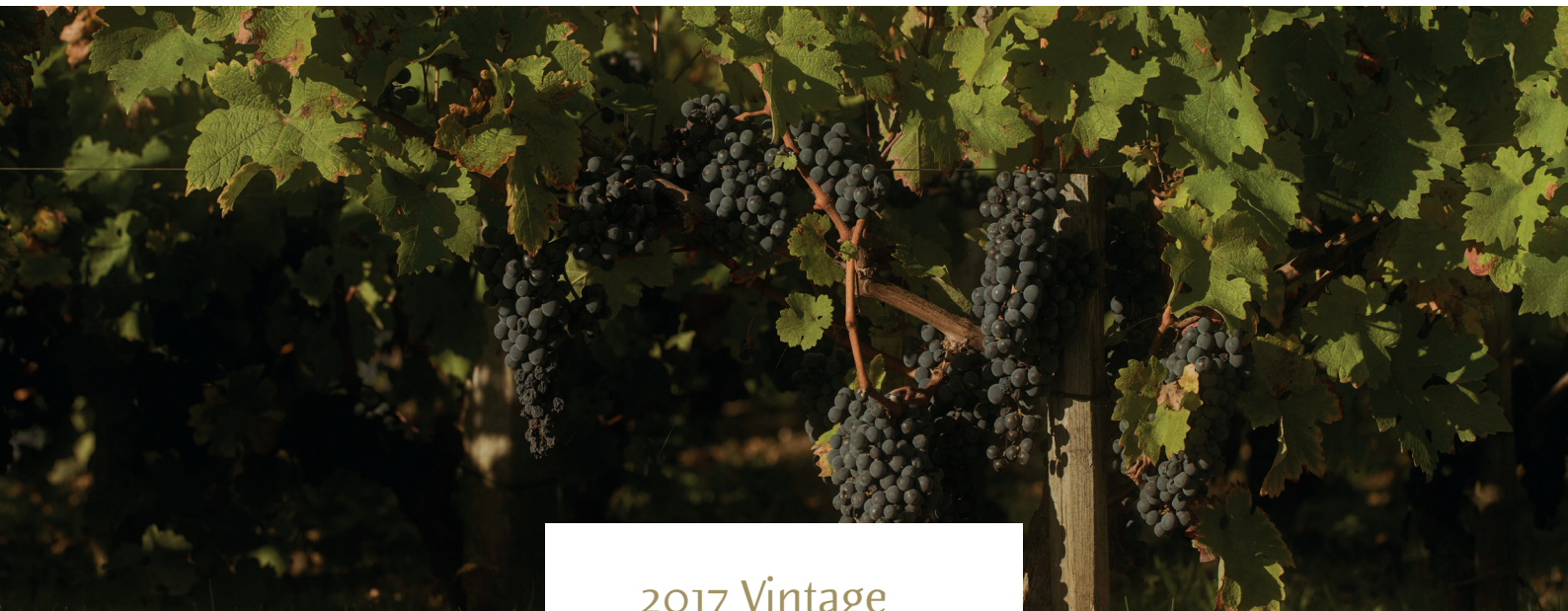




CHATEAU HAUT-BRION

PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855



2017 Vintage

The Climate

Vegetative growth started on the 13th of March, then was accelerated by a warm, sunny spring. Two incidents of frost in late April served as a reminder to winegrowers that viticulture is fragile and that nature cannot be tamed.

The water deficit, which reached 50% in July and August, was a distinguishing feature of the vintage. However, thanks to significant rainfall in June, the vines were spared from the drought. Above-average sunshine and a spell of very hot weather (29 days over 30°C), moderated by relatively cool nights (enabling the grapes to ripen without stress) also resulted in favourable winegrowing conditions.

The outstanding fruit is reflected in our wines, which have managed to preserve the freshness vital to the balance we always seek. Weather during the month of September was fine for picking – with the exception of the second week, when it rained, although this precipitation helped the Cabernets to ripen slowly and well.

2017 has all the necessary qualities to become a benchmark vintage.

Some Technical Information

Harvest Dates From the 31th of August to the 29th of September

Blend Merlot Noir: 55% ; Cabernet Sauvignon: 38%

Cabernet Franc: 5,3% ; Petit Verdot: 1.7%

New barrels 22%

Alcohol 14%

Bottling date From June 10th to 12th 2019

Tasting note

Beautiful deep colour. The initial impression on the nose hints at perfectly ripe fruit. Swirling in the glass reveals substance, depth, as well as aromatic complexity. Starts out broad-based and fruity on the palate, then goes on to show full-bodied, juicy, and tight-knit tannin. A remarkably well-focused and structured wine.

