



CHATEAU HAUT-BRION

PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSE EN 1855



2003 Vintage

The Climate

2003 was without a doubt a very exceptional year in terms of the weather. Although it did not beat the record for lowest rainfall, attained in 1961 (258 mm) for the period April to September inclusive, 2003 comes immediately afterwards with 263 mm. However, in terms of temperature, all the records were broken. Accumulated average daily temperatures for the above period were around 3,161, with the hottest year (1997) until then reaching 3,494, but for 2003 the figure was 3,696; while the average for very hot days above 30°C/86°F is 16, there were 49 in 2003, more than three times as many!

Some Technical Information

Harvest dates From August 13th to 18th
Blend Sauvignon Blanc: 48% ; Sémillon: 52%
New barrels 40%
Alcohol 13,5%
Bottling date On July 12th 2004

Tasting note

There is a great complexity blending white fruits and citrus. The first impression is of enveloping sweetness. The wine totally fills the mouth. There is no let up. This wine has an incredible structure and volume. The finish is long due to the freshness. This is an exceptional white Haut-Brion.

