



CHATEAU HAUT-BRION

PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855



1997 Vintage



The Climate

A hot, dry start to the year led to exceptionally early growth in the spring. There was unprecedented flowering on the vines at the end of April. At the beginning of May, showers delayed the end of flowering by more than a month. The September drought made for a trouble-free harvest and compensated for the uneven ripening.

Some Technical Information

Harvest Dates From September 2nd to 26th

Blend Merlot Noir: 44% ; Cabernet Sauvignon: 43%

Cabernet Franc: 13%

New barrels 70%

Alcohol 13%

Bottling date From June 1st to 9th 1999

Tasting notes

Handsome color with rather dazzling nuances tending towards orange. The power and complexity of the nose is surprising in this year where one finds whiffs of cedar and cigar alongside the other particulars of the vintage. A slight aroma of wood first envelopes the fruit then goes on to finish with a hint of fresh grapes. An excellent approach, both soft and supple. A good harmony for this millésime. The expected tannin is present rendering the finish a bit shorter and slightly bitter. This wine can wait for several more years.