



## CHATEAU HAUT-BRION

PREMIER GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855



### 1999 Vintage



#### The Climate

This vintage will be remembered for several extraordinary meteorological events. First came the eclipse of the sun on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The second phenomena consisted of two extremely violent storms that struck the Sud-Ouest. One came on August 7<sup>th</sup> and was severe but short lived and the second struck on December 27<sup>th</sup> with an unprecedented violence. It lasted from sundown until the wee hours of the morning with the hiatus being between 8PM to 10PM. Ultimately, 1999 was a relatively hot year and 2% warmer than the mean temperatures recorded during the past forty years. This is a considerable difference. For the most part the year will go down as one with brutal climactic events.

#### Some Technical Information

Harvest Dates From September 8<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>

Blend Merlot Noir: 60% ; Cabernet Sauvignon: 28%

Cabernet Franc: 12%

New barrels 69%

Alcohol 13%

Bottling date From August 21<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2001

#### Tasting notes

Lovely color, a handsome dark red, both lively and young. The nose gives a strong impression of softness and harmony. All the aromatic elements are perfectly proportioned: the tinge of woody vanilla, the sweetness of lightly cooked caramel, the slight aggressiveness of liquorish, red and black berries, mulberry, and cherry all meld into a perfect balance discovered in the mouth rendering a finish both long and sweet that gives this wine an exceptional charm.