



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 11th. The second phenomena consisted of two extremely violent storms that struck the Sud-Ouest. One came on August 7th and was severe but short lived and the second struck on December 27th 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 8th to 24th

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

Cabernet Franc: 12%

New barrels 69%

Alcohol 13%

Bottling date From August 21st to 29th 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.

