



2010 Château La Mission Haut Brion, Cru Classé Graves

Château Mission Haut Brion, Bordeaux Wine Region, France

Product details

Vintage:	2010	Drinking:	2024 2040+
Producer:	Château Mission Haut Brion	Alcohol:	
Region:	Bordeaux Wine Region	Variety:	Bordeaux blend
Country:	France		

Tasting notes

Deep and concentrated, but incredibly elegant and restrained at the same time. On the nose exotic and elegant cedar notes combine with dark plum, fig and blackberry fruit characters. The palate is very serious and structured with wonderfully refined tannins which balance intense blackberry and cassis flavours. The alcohol is barely perceptible and there is a mouth-wateringly fresh acidity and refined mineral character on the finish which gives definition. This is a very serious wine indeed. Drink 2025 - 2040.

About the producer

Bought by Jean de Pontac in 1533 and passing through four different families before its purchase in 1935 by the American financier Clarence Dillon, Haut Brion has had one of the most colourful and celebrated histories of any château. Prince Robert of Luxembourg and his mother the Duchesse de Mouchy, president of Domaine Clarence Dillon, must be proud that 77 years later, the family is still very much involved. Third generation Jean Philippe Delmas is in charge of the estate, ably assisted in continuing the excellence of Haut Brion by Jean- Philippe Masclef as maître de chai, and Pascal Baratié the vineyard manager. Haut Brion and its sister property, La Mission Haut Brion, which was acquired by the Dillon family in 1983 and is situated opposite the main estate, are almost entirely surrounded by the suburbs of Bordeaux.

The vineyards are only 5km southwest of the centre of the city and it is a credit to the property that it has managed to continue unaffected by the encroaching urban sprawl. In recent years some of the wines have been renamed, with Bahans Haut Brion becoming Le Clarence de Haut Brion in recognition of Clarence Dillon and his family; the white La Clarté de Haut Brion was formerly Les Plantiers and Laville Haut Brion has reverted back to its original name La Mission Haut Brion Blanc.