

2011 Château La Mission Haut Brion Blanc

Château Mission Haut Brion, Bordeaux, France

Product details

Vintage:	2011	Drinking:	2015 2025
Producer:	Château Mission Haut Brion	Alcohol:	14.00%
Region:	Bordeaux	Variety:	
Country:	France		

Tasting notes

A candidate for THE wine of the vintage! This has one of the impeccably pure and crystal clear noses I have ever encountered. It is a master class in the balance of intensity and a delicate touch with aromas of iced-citrus fruits in perfect harmony with perfectly pitched toasty, smoky oak. The final notes of lees (just a hint) and minerality linger on this nose tingling myriad of aromas. On the palate the richness, complexity and density is just stunning and the first wave a citrus fruit bursts across the tongue. The mile-long finish evolves into a delicious stoney, smoky character. Yet again it is a question of the masterful balance of texture and searing acidity that indicates a very long life-span.

Reviews

This is phenomenal white with an iodine and salty character with dried lemon and papaya with hints of oyster shell. Layered and intense. This is amazing. Full and intense. It goes on for minutes. Can't believe it. Structure of a red wine. This has a little more Sauvignon Blanc from new plantings in the best parcels in the blend than in the past. James Suckling

About the producer

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.

