

CHATEAU HAUT-BAILLY

C R U C L A S S É D E G R A V E S

2017



Lisa Perrotti-Brown

04/2018

Very deep garnet-purple colored, it has a **wonderfully spicy nose** of cinnamon stick, cloves, anise and fenugreek with core of roses, warm blueberries, black forest cake and black raspberries plus hints of underbrush and iron ore. Medium to full-bodied with firm, ripe, grainy tannins, it has **oodles of freshness and great finesse**, continuing bright and energetic on the **long, minerally finish.** **94-96**

Decanter

Jane Anson

04/2018

This reminds me of 2001 more than most wines I've tasted, and perhaps it's no surprise that a vintage that required a skilful touch and a belief in the power of elegance should do well at Haut-Bailly. It's **hugely pure and restrained, with great aromatics** and extremely well placed bilberry, cassis and mulberry fruits. The **tannins are fine and poised**, set against cigar box with touches of charcoal and slate. They build through the palate, but remain slightly austere on the finish, with a bounce to them that suggests they are **going to age beautifully**. Drink: 2026-2042. **95**

vinous

Antonio Galloni

05/2018

The 2017 Haut-Bailly is an **understated beauty**. Nothing in particular stands out rather it is the wine's balance that impresses most. All the classic Haut-Bailly signatures come through in a mid-weight, super-finesse wine that hits all the right notes. Dark red and blue stone fruits, graphite, smoke, licorice and incense are all laced into the super-expressive finish. **93-96**

Jancis Robinson
JancisRobinson.com

04/2018

Very dark with purple rim. Oozes elegance on the nose, subtle dark fruit, nicely dusty/mineral and a touch of graphite and a slight and attractive herbaceous note. More fragrant with air. Texture is fine like layers of paper, tannins are dry and refined. Lightness of touch but really persistent. Juicy, gentle. **Very lovely, the graphite elegance, freshness and fruit go on to the end.** **17,5**



05/2018

Die absolute Classe auch in diesem Jahr, vollmundig und sehr dicht, aber auch elegant und besonders raffiniert, mit klasse Tannin, von grosser Länge. **Superb. 18**



Roger Voss

04/2018

Bold and dense, this wine is packed with tannins, ripe berry flavors and intense black fruit notes. **Impressive**, it is showing richness now and a fine future. Rich tannins and a firm dry core will allow the wine to age well. **96**



04/2018

A **firm and silky red** with a medium to full body, a solid center palate and a **long and integrated finish**. Very fine, polished and refined. Creamy tannins. Hints of bitter orange. **94-95**



Olivier Poels

04/2018

Quelle race ! Le cru affiche une définition et une distinction en bouche qui en imposent. Un **somptueux grain de tanins** et la persistance des arômes donnent un **vin plein d'éclat et intense. 17,5-18**



Neal Martin

05/2018

It has an **attractive** and quite **opulent bouquet**, a mixture of red and black fruit, hints of crushed stone and briary, a light oyster shell influence. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin but there is **good backbone** here, quite "solid" for Haut-Bailly and it will need to just soften the edges during its élevage. With moderate length and a very attractive graphite aftertaste, this Haut-Bailly will require five or six years in bottle but **will repay the patient wine-lover. 92-94**



Markus del Monego MW

04/2018

Dark purple red colour with violet hue and black core. **Elegant nose** which is unusually open for Haut-Bailly at this moment. Fragrant character with hints of dark berries, ripe plums, hints of fine roasting aroma and discreet mild spices. On the palate well structured with firm tannins, juicy fruit, **elegant finish and excellent length. 95**



Yohan Castaing
04/2018

Fumé, un peu graphite, légèrement réglisse pour un nez racé. **Très bel éclat aromatique. Quelle profondeur et quelle complexité !** Bouche juteuse mais droite, très suave, des tanins de taffetas avec de la matière et une densité aérienne. Aérien et hyper précis. **Racé avec beaucoup de raffinement.** Bravo à Véronique Sanders et Gabriel Vialard. **96-98**

B My Bordeaux

Christer Byklum
05/2018

Dark fruity, anise, spices, ripe, intense yet tight and firm, minerals, elegant nose. Fresh acidity, ripe tannins, detailed, intense, spices, ripe, nuanced, layered, minerals, incredible aftertaste, just lingers on with dark fruits, tobacco and graphite, **stunning effort.** **97-99**

JEB DUNNUCK

04/2018

As always, the wine has a more elegant, feminine style in its perfumed floral, cassis, and black raspberry aromas and flavors. With medium to full-bodied richness, a tight, vibrant texture, ripe tannin, and a great finish, **it's one of the most ethereal, elegant wines in the vintage.** **92-95**

Yves Beck

04/2018

Pourpre violacé. Bouquet intense et complexe aux notes de cassis, de grenadines et de framboises. Touche de poivre et de menthe poivrée. Attaque compacte, vive. Au palais le corps a du muscle et présente une bonne intensité fruitée. Les tannins sont serrés, puissants et se révèlent lentement. Ils ont la matière nécessaire pour tenir tête à la vivacité de la structure. La puissance vient du Cabernet Sauvignon. **Un vin très prometteur avec un très bon potentiel de garde.** Finale fruitée persistante. **96-98**

WEINWISSE

05/2018

Granatrubin mit violettem Rand. Im Duft feiner Auftakt mit rotbeerigen Konturen, im zweiten Ansatz Brombeerstrauch, fleischige Noten und tabakige Würze. Am eleganten Gaumen mit feinsproder Textur, die Muskeln sind prä-sent und stützend. Reifes Tannin und wei-che Säure. Im Finale rote Johannisbeeren, entspricht dem Jahrgang, back to Classic. Ein beruhigender Haut-Bailly mit genialer Aromenausbildung! Die Lese wurde im Eil-tempo von drei Wochen eingeholt (13. bis 29. September). **18/20**



winedoctor
by Chris Kissack

04/2018

This has a **really impressive nose**, filled with dark red cherry scents, immediately perfumed, floral, but cut with notes of black bean, cocoa bean and vanillin oak, but as with the second wine these complexities swirl around behind that floral perfume. A very confident and broad palate, showing real density here, but with a sinewy substance, concentrated, focused, with an elegant poise and a firm bed of ripe, fine, tightly grained tannins. **This is hugely impressive, a striking wine, rich and yet so contained, taut and focused. Huge potential here.** **94-96**

the Wine Cellar INSIDER

Jeff Leve
04/2018

A smoky bar around the time of the Third French Republic, alive with the scent of tar, tobacco, the essence of cassis and blackberry aperitifs and other herbal elixirs. Hints of flowers create the complex set of aromatics that bring us to this imaginary Café De La Paix, 1900. On the palate, the wine has **polish, softness, energy and a lot of lift.** Bright but not flashy, this is a classically styled vintage for the estate which will show well early, yet possess the ability to age as well. **94-96**

matthewjukes

04/2018

This is one of the calmest and most centred wines of 2017. There is no tension here, just precision and balletic balance. The fruit is focussed, deep and proud and the amalgam of the blend is amazing. There are two ages of Petit Verdot vines in the wine and they both add a different aspect to the wine. This spice is integral to this wine's appeal. There is a voluptuousness and also elegance about this wine and it is not bigger than the second wine La Parde, it is just much longer and finer. This is a succulent, Burgundian-shaped wine in its demeanour and yet the tannins and the acidity are going to keep it going for years and years. **18,5++**



Johan Magnusson
05/2018

Ren med fin struktur, silkhett och fräschör, mjuka tanniner och lång eftersmak. **95-97** poäng

Terre de Vins

05/2018

Fumé, un peu graphite, légèrement réglisse pour un nez racé. **Très bel éclat aromatique. Quelle profondeur et quelle complexité !** Bouche juteuse mais droite, très suave, des tanins de taffetas avec de la matière et une densité aérienne. Aérien et hyper précis. **Racé avec beaucoup de raffinement..** **97**



Panos Kakaviatos
05/2018

This wine counts among the **very best reds of the vintage**, as it comes across ripe and opulent, floral and fresh. The touch of 4% Petit Verdot in the blend lends subtle spice and the 60% Cabernet Sauvignon brings **backbone** and cool fruit. Just over 30% Merlot lends fat to the wine, so there is a low acidity aspect *à la* 2012 but floral lift as in 2014. The nose is already quite **precise** with a fresh red fruit palate. **93-95**

Bernard Burtschy
05/2018

La robe est violette avec un beau nez de cabernet, presque cèdre. Le vin est dense et frais avec de **beaux tannins fins**, il est assez strict, de belle longueur, **très classieux**. Il a un peu moins de chair que le 2016, mais il est plus droit, en attaque en particulier, plus frais aussi. **96-97**

l'express

06/2018

Robert G. Wilmers aura à peine eu le temps d'esquisser la précision et la finesse de son vin avant de nous quitter en fin d'année. Véronique Sanders et Gabriel Vialard lui rendent un vibrant hommage grâce à un 2017 particulièrement bien exécuté représentant **l'optimum de l'appellation.**

18,5

Le Point

Jacques Dupont
05/2018

Fruits noirs, vanille, mûre, bouche souple, ronde, tanins veloutés, **bonne matière**, serrée en finale, devrait bien évoluer. **16**



04/2018

Les 15 coups de cœur du « Figaro » **18,5**

VINIFERA

05/2018

Nos coups de cœur. Fumé, épicé, notes de ronce, de rose, aristocratique dans les parfums ; tanins sérieux, appuyés, vin nettement structuré pour l'année mais sans surextraction, serré, plus expressif sur l'allonge. Grand potentiel de garde prévisible. **95**

bettane + desseauve

04/2018

Généreux, complexe, racé, encore un peu fermé, gagnera dans les prochains mois en élargissant sa palette aromatique. **17-17,5**

#	Wine	Vintage	GWS	CI	NBJ
1.	Chateau Lafleur, Pomerol	2017	96.98	A	11
2.	Petrus, Pomerol	2017	96.89	A	12
3.	Chateau Le Tertre-Roteboeuf, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	96.8	B+	8
4.	Chateau Latour, Pauillac	2017	96.77	A+	11
5.	Chateau Ausone, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	96.75	A	11
6.	Vieux Chateau Certan, Pomerol	2017	96.49	A	9
7.	Chateau Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac	2017	96.36	A+	12
8.	Chateau Haut Brion, Pessac Leognan	2017	96.25	A	12
9.	Chateau Leoville Las Cases, Grand Vin De Leoville, Saint Julien	2017	96.1	A+	13
10.	Chateau Lafite Rothschild, Pauillac	2017	96.08	A	12
11.	Chateau Ducru Beaucaillou, Saint Julien	2017	96.05	A+	11
12.	Chateau Margaux, Margaux	2017	96.05	A+	12
13.	Chateau L'Eglise Clinet, Pomerol	2017	95.91	A	10
14.	Chateau Pavie, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	95.8	A	10
15.	Le Pin, Pomerol	2017	95.72	A	9
16.	Chateau Cheval Blanc, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	95.63	A+	12
17.	Chateau Cos D'Estournel, Saint Estephe	2017	95.62	A	13
18.	Chateau Palmer, Margaux	2017	95.58	A	13
19.	Chateau La Mission Haut Brion, Pessac Leognan	2017	95.4	A+	12
20.	Chateau Montrose, Saint Estephe	2017	95.19	A	13
21.	Chateau Pichon Longueville Baron, Pauillac	2017	95.15	A+	13
22.	Chateau Angelus, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	95.07	A+	12
23.	Chateau La Conseillante, Pomerol	2017	94.95	A	12
24.	La Mondotte, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	94.81	A+	11
25.	Chateau Pontet Canet, Pauillac	2017	94.68	A+	12
26.	Chateau Haut Bailly, Pessac Leognan	2017	94.65	A+	12
27.	Chateau Pichon Longueville Comtesse De Lalande, Pauillac	2017	94.64	A+	13
28.	Chateau Figeac, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	94.53	A+	11
29.	Chateau L'Evangile, Pomerol	2017	94.48	A	11
30.	Chateau Belair-Monange, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	94.27	A	12
31.	Chateau Canon, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	94.25	A+	13
32.	Chateau De Valandraud, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	94.17	A	14
33.	Chateau Leoville Poyferre, Saint Julien	2017	94.16	A+	12
34.	Chateau La Fleur-Petrus, Pomerol	2017	94.15	A+	12
35.	Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte, Pessac Leognan	2017	94.13	A+	12
36.	Chateau Trotanoy, Pomerol	2017	94.1	B+	12
37.	Chateau Calon Segur, Saint Estephe	2017	93.95	A+	13
38.	Le Dome, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	93.91	B+	9
39.	Duffau Lagarrosse, Chateau Beausejour, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	93.9	B+	12
40.	Chateau La Violette, Pomerol	2017	93.83	A	8
41.	Chateau Leoville Barton, Saint Julien	2017	93.75	A+	13
42.	Chateau Les Carmes Haut Brion, Pessac Leognan	2017	93.67	B+	12

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43.	Chateau Pavie Macquin, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	93.57	A	12
44.	Chateau Troplong Mondot, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	93.55	B+	12
45.	Domaine De Chevalier, Pessac Leognan	2017	93.54	A+	11
46.	Chateau Lynch Bages, Pauillac	2017	93.48	A+	12
47.	Enclos Tourmaline, Pomerol	2017	93.34	B+	4
48.	Chateau Hosanna, Pomerol	2017	93.34	A	12
49.	Clos Fourtet, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	92.86	A	13
50.	Chateau Roc De Cambes, Cotes De Bourg	2017	92.85	A	6
51.	Chateau Seraphine, Pomerol	2017	92.69	B+	3
52.	Chateau Pape Clement, Pessac Leognan	2017	92.61	A	12
53.	Chateau Quintus, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	92.57	A+	8
54.	Chateau La Gaffeliere, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	92.57	B+	11
55.	Chateau Grand Puy Lacoste, Pauillac	2017	92.5	A	10
56.	Chateau Larcis Ducasse, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	92.5	B+	12
57.	Chateau Rauzan Segla, Margaux	2017	92.45	A+	13
58.	Chateau Clinet, Pomerol	2017	92.38	B+	11
59.	Chateau Petit Village, Pomerol	2017	92.32	A	11
60.	Chateau Pavie-Decesse, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	92.22	B+	12
61.	Chateau Certan de May, Pomerol	2017	92.21	A	12
62.	Chateau Le Gay, Pomerol	2017	92.21	A	11
63.	Chateau Latour, 'Les Forts De Latour', Pauillac	2017	92.17	A+	11
64.	Chateau Lafleur, Les Pensees De Lafleur, Pomerol	2017	92.15	A	11
65.	Chateau Lassegue, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	92.11	B	5
66.	Chateau Bellevue Mondotte, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	92.1	B+	12
67.	Chateau Rocheyron, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	92.06	A	4
68.	Chateau Margaux, Pavillon Rouge, Margaux	2017	92.05	A+	10
69.	Chateau Beychevelle, Saint Julien	2017	92.03	A+	13
70.	Chateau Teyssier, Vieux Chateau Mazerat, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	92.03	B+	9
71.	Chateau Beau-Sejour Becot, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	92.02	A	11
72.	Chateau Clerc-Milon, Pauillac	2017	91.99	A+	13
73.	Chateau Ausone, La Chapelle D'Ausone, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	91.94	A	9
74.	Chateau Gruaud Larose, Saint Julien	2017	91.9	A+	12
75.	Chateau Peby Faugeres, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	91.88	A	11
76.	Chateau Teyssier, Les Asteries, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	91.76	B+	9
77.	Chateau Saint Pierre, Saint Julien	2017	91.69	A	12
78.	Chateau Leoville Las Cases, Clos Du Marquis, Saint Julien	2017	91.65	A+	13
79.	Chateau L'If, Saint Emilion	2017	91.57	A	8
80.	Chateau Langoa Barton, Saint Julien	2017	91.57	A+	12
81.	Chateau Fonplegade, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	91.53	A	10
82.	Chateau Brane Cantenac, Margaux	2017	91.5	A	12
83.	Chateau Le Bon Pasteur, Pomerol	2017	91.48	A	12
84.	Chateau Badette, Saint Emilion	2017	91.47	B+	3

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85.	Chateau Canon La Gaffeliere, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	91.44	A	13
86.	Chateau Fleur Cardinale, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	91.44	A	10
87.	Chateau Bahans Haut-Brion, 'Le Clarence De Haut-Brion', Pessac Leognan	2017	91.41	A	10
88.	Chateau Gracia, Saint Emilion	2017	91.39	B+	4
89.	Chateau Haut Batailley, Pauillac	2017	91.38	A	8
90.	Chateau Magrez Fombrauge, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	91.38	A	9
91.	Chateau Trottevieille, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	91.34	A	11
92.	Chateau Clos Saint Martin, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	91.31	A	10
93.	Clos L'Eglise, Pomerol	2017	91.3	B+	11
94.	Vignobles Moreau, Chateau La Voute, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	91.26	B	4
95.	Chateau Gazin, Pomerol	2017	91.25	A	12
96.	Chateau La Clotte, Saint Emilion Grand Cru	2017	91.25	A	11
97.	Chateau Palmer, Alter Ego De Palmer, Margaux	2017	91.2	A+	12
98.	Baron Philippe De Rothschild, Chateau D'Armailhac, Pauillac	2017	91.18	A+	13
99.	Chateau Mouton Rothschild, Le Petit Mouton, Pauillac	2017	91.16	A+	12
100.	Chateau Latour A Pomerol, Pomerol	2017	91.15	A	10

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1.	Chateau Haut Brion, Pessac Leognan	2017	96.25	A	12
2.	Chateau La Mission Haut Brion, Pessac Leognan	2017	95.4	A+	12
3.	Chateau Haut Bailly, Pessac Leognan	2017	94.65	A+	12
4.	Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte, Pessac Leognan	2017	94.13	A+	12
5.	Chateau Les Carmes Haut Brion, Pessac Leognan	2017	93.67	B+	12
6.	Domaine De Chevalier, Pessac Leognan	2017	93.54	A+	11
7.	Chateau Pape Clement, Pessac Leognan	2017	92.61	A	12
8.	Chateau Bahans Haut-Brion, 'Le Clarence De Haut-Brion', Pessac Leognan	2017	91.41	A	10
9.	Chateau Malartic Lagraviere, Pessac Leognan	2017	91.11	A	12
10.	Chateau Le Pape, Pessac Leognan	2017	90.63	A+	11
11.	La Mission Haut Brion, La Chapelle De La Mission Haut Brion, Pessac Leognan	2017	90.61	A+	11
12.	Chateau Haut Bailly, La Parde De Haut-Bailly, Pessac Leognan	2017	90.06	A+	11
13.	Chateau Latour Martillac, Pessac Leognan	2017	90.02	A	11
14.	Chateau Les Carmes Haut Brion, Le Clos Des Carmes, Pessac Leognan	2017	90.01	A	5
15.	Vignobles Andre Lurton, Chateau Couhins-Lurton, Pessac Leognan	2017	89.82	A	10
16.	Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte, Le Petit Haut Lafitte, Pessac Leognan	2017	89.79	A+	8
17.	Chateau La Garde, Pessac Leognan	2017	89.69	A	7
18.	Chateau Olivier, Pessac Leognan	2017	89.34	A	11
19.	Chateau Carbonnieux, Pessac Leognan	2017	89.26	A	13
20.	Chateau Le Thil Comte Clary, Pessac Leognan	2017	89.24	A+	9
21.	Chateau Bouscaut, Pessac Leognan	2017	89.22	A	11
22.	Chateau Lespault-Martillac, Pessac Leognan	2017	89.11	A	7
23.	Chateau Gazin Rocquencourt, Pessac Leognan	2017	89.1	A	8
24.	Chateau Clos Marsalette, Pessac Leognan	2017	89.09	A	10
25.	Chateau Haut Nouchet, Pessac Leognan	2017	89.08	A	8
26.	Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte, Les Hauts De Smith, Pessac Leognan	2017	89	A+	8
27.	Chateau Larrivet Haut Brion, Pessac Leognan	2017	88.98	B+	12
28.	Chateau Brown, Pessac Leognan	2017	88.75	A	11
29.	Vignobles Andre Lurton, Chateau La Louviere, Pessac Leognan	2017	88.74	A	12
30.	Chateau Pape Clement, Le Clementin, Pessac Leognan	2017	88.64	B+	4
31.	Chateau Couhins, Pessac Leognan	2017	88.52	B+	10
32.	Vignobles Andre Lurton, Chateau De Cruzeau, Pessac Leognan	2017	88.32	A+	3
33.	Domaine De La Solitude, Pessac Leognan	2017	88.25	B	3
34.	Chateau Ferran, Pessac Leognan	2017	88.14	B	3

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35.	Chateau Picque Caillou, Pessac Leognan	2017	88.08	A	10
36.	Chateau Cantelys, Pessac Leognan	2017	88.08	A	8
37.	Michel Gonet, Chateau D'Eck, Pessac Leognan	2017	86.57	B	3
38.	Michel Gonet, Chateau Haut Bacalan, Pessac Leognan	2017	86.47	B+	3
39.	Chateau De France, Pessac Leognan	2017	85.52	C +	8
40.	Chateau Haut Lagrange, Pessac Leognan	2017	85.46	B+	3
41.	Chateau De Rouillac, Pessac Leognan	2017	84.83	C	4
42.	Chateau Leognan, Pessac Leognan	2017	81.19	C	3

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2017

LA BEAUTE DE LA NATURE

CONDITIONS CLIMATIQUES

Après un hiver rigoureux et un printemps doux, le millésime 2017 s'annonce précoce avec un débourrement dès le 25 mars. La fin du mois d'avril est marquée par des gelées tardives, d'une rare intensité, lors des nuits des 27 et 28. Si ce gel provoque des dégâts sur nos parcelles situées en contrebas, il épargne néanmoins nos parcelles historiques.

Et puis la nature reprend ses droits : un printemps chaud favorise une pousse rapide de la vigne et accentue encore la précocité acquise au départ ; la floraison (20-25 mai) a deux semaines d'avance. Sur les zones gelées, la croissance végétative est phénoménale, les pieds sont buissonnants au détriment de la mise à fruit de grappes de seconde génération.

Le phénomène pluvieux exceptionnel de fin juin (120 mm en trois jours) a modéré les risques de stress hydrique que l'on pouvait craindre. Mais la climatologie des mois de juillet et août inscrit le millésime parmi les plus secs tels que 2000, 2005 et 2012.

Au cours de l'été, l'alternance de journées très chaudes et d'autres plus fraîches engendre de bonnes conditions de maturation. La véraison démarre tôt (fin juillet) et s'avère particulièrement homogène.

VENDANGES

La précocité du millésime se confirme et les vendanges débutent le 13 septembre avec les Merlots. Les Cabernets Francs et Petits Verdots sont ramassés lors d'une journée magnifique le 22 septembre. Les Cabernets Sauvignons ont été vendangés dans des conditions idéales, du 25 au 29 septembre.

VINS

Les Merlots sont fruités et équilibrés. Les Cabernets ont une bonne fraîcheur aromatique, une structure tannique savoureuse et une jolie densité.

Le volume de la récolte est réduit. Mais l'assemblage du Haut-Bailly 2017, particulièrement floral, est issu des parcelles épargnées par le gel qui représentent le cœur historique du vignoble.

Date des vendanges : 13 au 29 septembre

Assemblage Château Haut-Bailly 2017 :

60% Cabernet Sauvignon
32% Merlot
4% Petit Verdot
4% Cabernet Franc

Assemblage La Parde Haut-Bailly 2017 :

65% Merlot
35% Cabernet Sauvignon

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THE WONDER OF NATURE

WEATHER CONDITIONS

After a harsh winter and a mild spring, the 2017 vintage began early with bud break on March 25th. During the nights of the 27th and 28th of April there were frosts of an intensity rarely seen in Bordeaux. This frost caused damage to our lower plots but spared our parcels of old vines.

And then nature took its course, with a warm spring favouring fast growth in the vineyard, further emphasising the early nature of the vintage. Flowering (which took place from the 20th- 25th May) was two weeks ahead of usual. As for the plots affected by the frost, vegetative growth was truly remarkable. The base of the vines showed intense regrowth, which had the effect of limiting the production of fruit and second-generation clusters.

Exceptional rainfall in late June (120 mm in three days) reduced any risk of hydric stress. However, the weather conditions of July and August, with limited rainfall, meant that overall 2017 will be recorded as one of our driest vintages – along with 2000, 2005 and 2012.

During the summer, the alternation of hot and cool days gave us favourable conditions for ripening. Veraison began early (at the end of July) and was particularly regular throughout the vineyard.

HARVEST

The precocity of the vintage meant an early harvest, beginning with the Merlots on September 13th. The Cabernets Francs and Petits Verdots were picked during the beautiful day of September 22nd. The Cabernets Sauvignons were also harvested in ideal conditions, from September 25th to 29th.

WINES

The Merlots of 2017 are both fruity and balanced. Cabernets offer a pleasant aromatic freshness and savoury tannic structure with good density. The overall yield of the vintage is quite low. The 2017 blend of Haut-Bailly is particularly floral and is composed of those parcels spared by Mother Nature – the plots of old vines which make up the historic heart of the vineyard.

Harvest dates : September 13th – 29th

Blend of Château Haut-Bailly 2017:

60% Cabernet Sauvignon
32% Merlot
4% Petit Verdot
4% Cabernet Franc

Blend of La Parde Haut-Bailly 2017:

65% Merlot
35% Cabernet Sauvignon

