



2018 RED CHATEAU HAUT-BRION

The weather

The spring of 2018 was marked by frequent stormy weather.

The growing season started very well, although was later slowed down as a result of a violent hailstorm on the 26th of May. The vines nevertheless recovered fairly quickly. The month of June was relatively warm, conducive to even flowering.

A hot summer followed, with little rainfall. *Véraison* (colour change) took place under ideal conditions.

A high-pressure system set in during the month of September. The grapes were picked under clear blue skies at peak ripeness and in excellent condition.

A few figures

Harvest dates:	From the 6 th of September to the 2 nd of October
Blending:	Merlot: 49.4%
	Cabernet Franc: 11.9%
	Cabernet Sauvignon: 38.7%
Yield:	44.6 hl/ha
Share of the <i>grand vin</i> :	50.6%
New barrels:	62%
Alcohol content:	14.6% (estimation)

Tasting notes

Dark, intense red colour. The initial impression on the nose is deep, spicy and incredibly complex, underscored by ripe black fruit aromas. Starts out soft and well-structured on the palate, becoming full-bodied with impressive volume and smooth tannin. The finish is incredibly long, enhanced by rich flavours that are neither heavy nor harsh. Unquestionably a very fine Haut-Brion!