



2016 RED CHATEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION

The weather

Despite a winter and a spring marked by complicated climatic conditions - abundant rain and temperatures below seasonal averages - flowering took place with an almost miraculous homogeneity.

The great drought of the summer ended with a rainy season in mid-September that was very beneficial for the end of the maturity cycle. In October, no rain came to disrupt our harvest.

The freshness of the nights, combined with the warm days, allowed to develop wines rich in color but also fresh and fruity.

Paradox or miracle of nature? We would rather think it is the combination of human effort and, in particular, once again, the exceptional terroir.

A few figures

Harvest dates:	From the 19 th of September to the 4 th of October
Blend:	Merlot: 57.5% Cabernet Sauvignon 42.5%
Yield:	55.8 hectolitres per hectare
Share of the <i>grand vin</i> :	50%
New barrels:	78%
Alcohol:	13.7% (provisional)
Production:	7,300 cases of 12 bottles (estimated)

Tasting notes

Very intense, remarkable, garnet-red colour. The nose shows impressively ripe fruit, concentration, and complexity. This is the epitome of a wine made from grapes with just the right degree of maturity. The wine starts out generous, sweet, and broad-based on the palate, going on seamlessly to reveal increasing body and power. The class, breeding, and sophistication of the tannin are obvious. 2016 La Mission Haut-Brion is certainly the most complete and charming the château has made in a long time.