



2018 RED CHATEAU LA MISSION 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 10th of September to the 2nd of October

Blending: Merlot: 53.5%
Cabernet Franc: 3.6%
Cabernet Sauvignon: 42.9%

Yield: 43.5 hl/ha

Share of the *grand vin*: 53.1%

New barrels: 62%

Alcohol content: 14.4% (estimation)

Tasting notes

Very beautiful, dark, intense red colour. The nose is deep and concentrated, suggestive of very ripe grapes, underscored by complex oaky and spicy overtones. Starts out broad-based and juicy on the palate, becoming full-bodied, tannic and succulent, culminating in a lovely long aftertaste. Very pleasant flavours linger on the palate, reminiscent of the finest vintages.