

## 2018 WHITE 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> of August to the 5th of September

Blend: Sauvignon: 57.4%

Sémillon: 42.6%

Yield: 40.6 hectolitres per hectare

Share of the *grand vin*: 40%

New barrels: 51%

Alcohol: 14.5%

Bottling date: On the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2019

## **Tasting notes**

Beautiful yellow colour. The complex bouquet shows ripe fruit, alongside slightly spicy and lemony notes. Starts out rich and broad-based on the palate with a delicious flavour. The finish is long, elegant and flavoursome, showing tremendous balance between the richness of Sémillon and the tension of Sauvignon Blanc.