



CHATEAU
HAUT-BATAILLEY
Grand cru classé en 1855



2011 VINTAGE

ABOUT THE 2011 VINTAGE

Grand Vin Blending:

Château Haut –Batailley
72 % Cabernet Sauvignon - 28 % Merlot

Dates of harvest: 15th to 29th of September 2011
Ageing: In French oak barrels with 60 % of new barrels
Yield of this vintage: 42 hl/hectare (10 000 vines/Ha)
Date of blending: End of January 2012

Second wine:

Château La Tour l’Aspic

GENERAL INFORMATION

Surface of the vineyard: 22 hectares
Average age of the vines: 35 years
Soil: Very deep coarse gravel
Grape Varieties in the vineyard: 70% Cabernet Sauvignon – 25% Merlot – 5% Cabernet Franc
Density of plantation: 10 000 vines/hectare
Rootstock: Riparia gloire & 101.14
Growing of the vines: Mechanical ploughing of the soil
Viticulture practices: Spraying kept to the absolute effective minimum
Harvest: Exclusively hand picked
Grape Selection: Two successive selections before and after the de-stemming process
Vinification: Maceration (average 3 weeks)

Owner: M.François-Xavier BORIE
Cellar Master: M. Philippe GOUZE
Vineyard Manager: M. Marc DUVOCELLE
Consultant Oenologist: MM. Jacques & Eric BOISSENOT
Public Relation: Miss Emeline BORIE

Our 2011 is distinguished by its unprecedented climatology: a year without a Spring leaping straight from Winter into Summer. A very early start to the growing cycle followed by an exceptionally early flowering in mid-May astonished even the most experienced vigneron, leading us to expect a record early harvest.

The month of June was marked by changeable weather, warmer than usual but always very dry, slowing down the growth of the vines. Despite everything, two of the conditions which make for the finest Bordeaux vintages had already come together: an early and quick flowering and a “stress hydrique” slowing down the ripening.

The “veraison” (when the skins change their color to red) came during July under a climate that was slightly damp and cooler than usual. Then the month of August reverted to being more classic and the superb month of September allowed the grapes, most of all the Cabernet Sauvignon, to arrive at perfect maturity.

The harvest took place in Summer temperatures which kept the bunches in perfect health and added to the concentration of the grapes.

Haut-Batailley 2011 is a deep and bright red. Its bouquet encompasses delicious aromas of black fruits and spices. In the mouth, the tannins which are very ripe and seductive give depth to the fruit and accentuate the balance. The wine as a whole shows a structure that is fine and elegant, suave and pure. The vintage expresses the charm and the finesse of the terroir of Haut-Batailley.

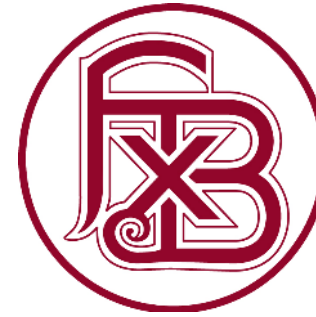
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CHATEAU HAUT-BATAILLEY HISTORY

The great vineyard of Batailley was acquired in the 30's by the Borie Family and was split in the 40's as follow: Chateau Batailley and Chateau Haut-Batailley. Both of these vineyards in Pauillac were included in the 1855 Medoc Classification.

The particularity of its Terroir is from its location in the south of Pauillac, bordering the Saint Julien Appellation. We can feel the influence of this neighborhood, which gives grace, charm, and delicacy, synonymous of feminity unusual in Pauillac wines. This harmonious complexity gives a beautiful character and lot of personality to the wine.

Today, in order to improve the quality of the vinification and ageing of the wine, the Borie Family got involved in a large program of investment with the construction of a new cellar, a new vat room and a general renovation of the old buildings. These achievements enable to improve the techniques for producing great wines, in the same way as the other ones managed by François-Xavier Borie.



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