



CHATEAU
HAUT-BATAILLEY
Grand cru classé en 1855

2013 VINTAGE

Grand Vin Blending:

Château Haut –Batailley
76% Cabernet Sauvignon - 24% Merlot

Dates of harvest: 2nd to 10th of October 2013
Ageing: In French oak barrels with 60 % of new barrels
Yield of this vintage: 31 hl/hectare (10 000 vines/Ha)
Date of blending: January 2014

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)

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Director R&D - Œnologist: Ms Christel SPINNER
Cellar Master: M. Philippe GOUZE
Vineyard Manager: M. Marc DUVOCELLE
Consultant Œnologist: M. Eric BOISSENOT
Public Relation: Miss Emeline BORIE



ABOUT THE 2013 VINTAGE

Each vintage allows us to write a new chapter in the history of our vineyard. The context is given by the climatic conditions, which govern the reactions of the vines and the grapes. Then there is the meticulous work and daily surveillance of the vineyard and the multiplicity of decisions taken to obtain grapes of the highest quality. Each vintage brings a new challenge: thus it was with 2013.

The 2013 viticultural year was marked by a rather cool and wet climate. If the month of December 2012 was particularly mild, it was followed by February and March which were very cold with average temperatures 2 ° C below the norm for that period. The months of April, May and June were not much warmer. For example, during the week of May 20 to 26, 2013, temperatures were between 7 ° C and 9 ° C in the morning and 14 ° C to 15 ° C in the afternoon! This lack of heat caused a delay in the development of the vine. The first buds appeared only from April 12-15th.

Flowering took place around 15 to 20 June 2013 in very changeable weather: with alternating high temperatures, especially on June 16th, and rainfall on June 18th. Fortunately, the beautiful weather and the heat during July allowed the vine to catch up a little on its development. Mi- veraison, the stage at which half the grapes in the bunches are ripe was observed around August 23rd, from then on the sunshine and pleasant temperatures allowed for a fairly uniform ripening.

Subsequently, the unstable climate of September meant that we had to carefully monitor each individual parcel and our observations led us to start the harvest on Monday, September 30th. During the first week of picking, mild weather and humidity made us fear the worst for the state of grapes and forced us to accelerate the harvest of Merlot in order to retain the maximum freshness. Luckily the following week, temperatures were cooler which meant we could bring in healthy mature grapes. The great care taken by our teams of pickers when sorting allowed us to pick quality grapes.

Haut-Batailley 2013 is built around a large majority of cabernet sauvignon (76%). This wine has an intense ruby red colour. The bouquet is one of red fruits, witness to the full maturity of the grapes used in the blend.

On the palate, the initial impression is one of great finesse which extends to silky and elegant tannins.

The 2013 has lovely balance, combining freshness with all the velvety characteristics of the charming style of Haut-Batailley.

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CHÂTEAU 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 neighbourhood, 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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