



CHÂTEAU
HAUT-BATAILLEY
Grand cru classé en 1855

2015 VINTAGE

Grand Vin Blending:

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

Dates of harvest: September, 21th to October, 2th 2015
Ageing: In French oak barrels with 60 % of new barrels
Yield of this vintage: 49 hl/hectare (10 000 vines/Ha)
Date of blending: January 2016

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: A long period of maceration (about 3 weeks)

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ABOUT THE 2015 VINTAGE

The qualitative reputation of vintages ending in « 5 » seems to have been upheld by the 2015’s! The weather conditions throughout the whole of the growing cycle of the vine were particularly favourable, contributing to making this a great wine vintage.

The winter of 2014/2015 was generally mild but extremely wet. This enabled the soil to replenish its reserves of water which would prove to be extremely beneficial over the coming months.

The mild temperatures encouraged bud burst to take place around the 6th to the 8th April. Budburst was regular and happened over a short period of time, which encouraged great expectations for the forthcoming vintage.

The month of April saw the thermometer rise to 25 ° C and even higher mid-month, but the nights remained cool, which contributed greatly to the steady and harmonious development of the vegetation.

We saw the first blossom on the Merlot and some of the early Cabernet Sauvignon vines around the 27th of May. Flowering took place over the period of a week under optimal conditions, with warm weather but no sign of a heat-wave. The quick and even flowering underlined and confirmed the good vegetative start to this vintage. The months of June and July 2015 were particularly warm and sunny, the temperatures recorded during that time were all above the seasonal average, with temperatures of between 28 ° - 30 ° C every day and the thermometer often exceeding 30 ° C!

Two successive months without rain resulted in hydric conditions which stopped the vines growing and encouraged the plants efforts to be concentrated on the ripening of the fruit. The first colour changes in the grapes were observed between the 21st and 22nd July. The light rain that fell at the end of July further encouraged the ripening process and was like a breath of fresh air to the vines.

The cooler weather in August and September allowed the grapes to ripen slowly, whilst conserving their aromatic potential, encouraging the concentration of sugars and resulting in a perfect maturity of the individual grapes. The tannins continued to ripen, refine and mature right up until harvest time.

The first cuts were made with the secateurs on the 18th of September on one of our parcels of merlot, however harvesting started in earnest on the 21st of September under perfect conditions: warmth and sunshine. These weather conditions lasted right through to the end of the harvest and meant that the grapes were in perfect condition when harvested.

The 2015 Chateau Haut Batailley is dominated, just like its vineyard, by a majority of Cabernet sauvignon (72%).

The wine has a deep ruby colour with great brilliance. The nose is an intense expression of black fruit characteristic of perfect cabernet ripeness, yet a certain freshness is present.

The palate is seductive with perfectly ripe tannins amplifying the persistence and the balance of the fruit.

The overall impression is of a wine of charm and elegance. This vintage the wine is complex and harmonious, an Haut Batailley of great class and finesse.

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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