



CHÂTEAU HAUT-BAGES LIBÉRAL
VINTAGE 2020

Pauillac, 2nd of June of 2021,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today I am sharing with you this document in order to help you to prepare our En primeurs release.

Beyond some technical information and a summary of our estate here are some key points that I wanted to declare to you about Château Haut-Bages Libéral dynamism :



- Château Haut-Bages Libéral wines recognition is increasing over the past vintages due to significant qualitative ratings coming from key influent wine critics of the world.
- Château Haut-Bages Libéral has been certified in organic viticulture in 2019 and biodynamic certificate will be delivered in 2021.
- The viticultural practices that I am conducting here with my team at Haut-Bages Libéral provides amazing results for three vintages now, with the highest yields of the Pauillac appellation.
- Our work following agroecology and agroforestry technics allowed me to be quoted by Bettane & Desseauve as one of the most well cultivated Châteaux of Bordeaux region.

From a market perspective, I want you to be aware of some points :

- The organic wine world consumption had an annual growth rate of 14,1% on 2012-2017.*
- This global increase has been heavily supported by USA progression. US being the 2nd continent in organic wine consumption.*

Among our estates, Château Haut-Bages Libéral is the most well commercialized in the US.

Moreover, I want to inform that you have all our support. You have recently been informed of our new toolkit to help our distribution, and all our new projects for the coming months of 2021-2022.

We stay alongside you to ensure the development and the markets expansion of our estates.

We will revert to you along the year to continue supplying you with diverse contents to further support you.

Warm regards,
Claire Villars-Lurton



THE VINEYARD

30 hectares.

Gravels of clay and limestone around the property and deep gravels in the hamlet of Bages.

THE CULTURAL PRACTICES



In conversion

THE VINIFICATION

Plot and tailor-made vinification (adapted in terms of material, duration and temperatures).

Maceration with the addition of neutral gas to stimulate gentle movements. In addition, a pumping over of one volume / day.
24 days of maceration.

Vertical pressing for special care to the presses.



THE BLEND

78%	22 %
Cabernet sauvignon	Merlot

THE AGEING

16 months of ageing:

40% in new oak barrels
40% in one-year old barrel
20% in amphorae TAVA

THE TEAM

Owner : Claire VILLARS-LURTON
Technical director: Thomas BONTEMPS
Œnologist consultant: Eric BOISSENOT



An exceptional terroir

Half of the vineyard is located on a limestone rump along the river and next to the Château Latour.

The second part of the vineyard is located on the height of the hamlet of "Bages" made of deep gravels and among the most qualitative terroir of the Pauillac appellation.

Ideally located along the Gironde estuary

The vineyard enjoys a mild and humid microclimate which protects the vines from severe weather and frost.

Presence of limestone in the heart of the vineyard

Very rare in the Pauillac appellation, the limestone brings freshness and elegance to the style of the wine.

Elevated to the rank of **Grand Cru Classé** in 1855 during the Universal Exhibition in Paris.


Two generations of women at the head of the Château.

Having taken up the torch from her mother Bernadette Merlaut, Claire is the **3rd generation of owners** of this Grand Cru Classé.

Environmentally friendly agriculture.

The Château has been certified in **Organic Agriculture** since 2019 and is in conversion to **biodynamics**. The property has been operating for over 15 years in **agroecology** and **agroforestry** to favor soil biodiversity.

Château Haut-Bages Libéral wine is the only Grand Cru Classé from 1855 to be aged in **Limoges porcelain jars**.

An aerial photograph of the Château Haut-Bages Libéral estate. The image shows a large, light-colored stone building with a dark roof, partially obscured by the text. In the foreground, there are rows of green grapevines. Behind the building, a large, rectangular greenhouse with a glass roof is visible. The background features a dense line of trees, a body of water (likely the Garonne river), and a small town in the distance under a clear sky.

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VERY QUALITATIVE TANNINS AND AN
AGING POTENTIAL OF SEVERAL
DECADES. »**

CLAIRE VILLARS-LURTON

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95-96

JAMES SUCKLING

"It's full and layered with chewy tannins that are plush and pure."

95-96

LIN LIU

"Expressive, intense while remain elegant."

2020
93-95

FALSTAFF

"Texture juteuse, fine et sucrée, cerises rouges mûres, tanins mûrs, notes minérales, finale délicate de noisette, harmonieuse, longue et potentiel de développement."

LIBÉRAL
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ
17/20
PAUILLAC

JANCIS ROBINSON

"Pure and precise with plenty of energy and drive."

93-94

BETTANE+DESSEAUVE

"Un caractère pauillac noble et affirmé et un vin qui mérite le plus grand succès."

93-94

LA REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE

"Ce 2020 est très séduisant, harmonieux, proche de son fruit et vibrant"

93-94

BERNARD BURTSCHY

"Le vin est dense et ferme, beaucoup de droiture, d'une belle longueur"