



# CHATEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION



## La Chapelle de La Mission Haut-Brion 2007

Château La Mission Haut-Brion's tasting notes :

The color of this wine is a rather intense purplish red. The nose is dominated by red berries (such as currants and raspberries). The mouth is unctuous and supple. The wine shows up extremely well. Its gourmand element almost makes one forget that the wine is still in barrel and that its making has just begun. Certainly, 2007 completes a very satisfying trilogy after the vintages of 2005 and 2006.

Weather conditions

Temperature sum : 3 337°C.

Rainfall : 409 mm

Number of days over 30°C : 9

Harvesting began : August 28th – October 5th.

Current vintage notes

Both winter and spring this year were characterized by mild and humid conditions, particularly conducive to the spread of certain vine ailments. Never have the tractors worked more diligently to protect the vines and their fruit. Never has such a great deal of manual labour been necessary to carry out canopy management tasks not feasible using machines when only the best possible results will do: early removal of leaves from late June on the east (morning sun) side, carefully executed thinning of laterals and shoots to lighten the burden on the vine, but also to distribute the remaining clusters for better aeration, and a later, meticulous removal of further leaves so as not to damage the berries on the west (afternoon sun) side.

Fair weather during the month of September permitted an unhurried harvest season, involving the participation of no fewer than 200 people to accomplish the crucial and exacting sorting process.

The 2007 vintage will therefore serve as a benchmark to assess progress made in Bordeaux winegrowing practices.



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