



# CHATEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION



## La Chapelle de La Mission Haut-Brion 2010

Château La Mission Haut-Brion's tasting notes :

The very deep colour of the wine is indicative of its concentration. The bouquet is very expansive, redolent of red-berry fruit. On the palate, this wine has an astonishingly imposing tannic structure for a second wine. It is also dazzlingly fresh, despite its impressive concentration. A wine full of contrasts: 2010 produced one of the most concentrated La Chapelle, but also one of the most beguiling.

Merlot Noir 27% Cabernet Sauvignon 47% Cabernet Franc 26%  
Date of the harvest: Sept. 8th – Oct. 8th

Weather conditions

Rainfall: 225 mm  
Total production Gironde: 5,7 million hl  
Number of days over 30°C/86°F: 24

Current vintage notes

A dry year with an arid summer.

The weather during the growing season, from early April to late September, was the driest since 1949. Total rainfall was just over half the average for the past 60 years: 225 mm compared to the usual 400 mm. (For your information, the wettest summer was 1992, with nearly 700 mm! Interestingly, 2005 was the second-driest vintage after 2010, with 229 mm). This water deficit caused dehydration in the vines, concentrating the grape juice and producing the highest values ever measured, particularly in terms of sugar content. The very cool nights promoted the accumulation of anthocyanins, so the 2010 red wines are the deepest-coloured in recent years.



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