



CHATEAU LA MISSION HAUT-BRION



Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2003

Château La Mission Haut-Brion's tasting notes :

It has an impressive intensity and complexity of fragrances. The nose is very ripe with aromas of red berries, blackberries and licorice. The start in the mouth is soft but very soon an imposing structure of tannin appears. They are a powerful but harmonious presence. These tannins are ripe but not aggressive. The finish is glorious. The length of this wine is unbelievably persistent. It needs time and then will surely evolve into a great La Mission.

To taste rather between 2010 and 2030.

Weather conditions

Sum of temperatures : 3696 °C

Rain : 263 mm

Days where temperature above 30 °C : 49

Harvest : from 19/08/2003 to 15/09/2003

Current vintage notes

2003 was without a doubt a very exceptional year in terms of the weather. Although it did not beat the record for lowest rainfall, attained in 1961 (258 mm) for the period April to September inclusive, 2003 comes immediately afterwards with 263 mm. The hundred-year average is 410 mm and in the wettest year; in 1992, 697 mm of rain fell. However, in terms of temperature, all the records were broken. Accumulated average daily temperatures for the above period were around 3,161, with the hottest year (1997) until then reaching 3,494, but for 2003 the figure was 3,696; while the average for very hot days above 30°C/86°F is 16, there were 49 in 2003, more than three times as many!



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