



2010 Château La Mission Haut Brion, Cru Classé Graves

Château Mission Haut Brion, Bordeaux Wine Region, France

Product details

Vintage:	2010	Drinking:	2024 2040+
Producer:	Château Mission Haut Brion	Alcohol:	
Region:	Bordeaux Wine Region	Variety:	Bordeaux blend
Country:	France		

Tasting notes

Deep and concentrated, but incredibly elegant and restrained at the same time. On the nose exotic and elegant cedar notes combine with dark plum, fig and blackberry fruit characters. The palate is very serious and structured with wonderfully refined tannins which balance intense blackberry and cassis flavours. The alcohol is barely perceptible and there is a mouth-wateringly fresh acidity and refined mineral character on the finish which gives definition. This is a very serious wine indeed. Drink 2025 - 2040.

Reviews

A strong candidate for a perfect score in about 15 years, the 2010 La Mission Haut-Brion could well turn out to be a modern-day version of their 1955. Sadly (or maybe fortunately) for me, I'm not old enough to have tasted the 1955 in 1958 from bottle, but this wine could also be an update on the more modern 2000 which, of course, I know well and actually own. This full-bodied, colossal giant of a wine is one of the goliaths of the vintage. It may well have the highest level of natural alcohol for any wine from the Left Bank of Bordeaux (15.1%) and has the definite potential to be a 50- to 75-year wine. Dense purple, it offers up notes of lead pencil shavings, charcoal embers, blueberry and blackberry liqueur along with massive concentration, a multi-dimensional mouthfeel and a monumental finish that goes well past a minute, which I think might be a record for a young Bordeaux. Keep in mind that the 2009, which I gave three digits, came in at 14.7%, but the pH of the 2010 is lower, giving the wine a freshness and precision that is remarkable. The final blend was 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, and ? unlike the Chapelle de la Mission, which has 26% Cabernet Franc ? there's only 1% Cabernet Franc in the 2010 La Mission Haut-Brion. This is a wine for those of you with youth on your side as well as patience. It will need a good decade of cellaring. An amazing wine. Anticipated maturity: 2024-2075+. Score: 98+ Robert Parker

About the producer

Haut Brion and its sister property, La Mission Haut Brion, which was acquired by the Dillon family in 1983 and is situated opposite the main estate, are almost entirely surrounded by the suburbs of Bordeaux. The vineyards are only 5km southwest of the centre of the city and it is a credit to the property that it has managed to

continue unaffected by the encroaching urban sprawl.