Haut-Brion



PRODUCER
Haut-Brion

REGION
Bordeaux

WHERE
Pessac, Bordeaux

CLASSIFICATION
First Growth (1855)

GRAPES
Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc

VINTAGE AND SIZE
2008 · 12 x 75cl OWC

About Haut-Brion

Château Haut-Brion lies in Pessac, in the southern suburbs of Bordeaux, and is the only estate outside the Médoc ranked among the First Growths in the 1855 Classification. Its history as a named wine goes back to the seventeenth century, when Arnaud de Pontac sold it in London; Samuel Pepys recorded drinking 'Ho Bryan' in his diary in 1663.

The estate has been owned since 1935 by the Dillon family and is now run by Prince Robert of Luxembourg. Its gravel vineyards, warmed by the surrounding city, produce both a celebrated red and a small quantity of one of the finest dry whites in Bordeaux.

About the wine

The grand vin of Château Haut-Brion is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, with Merlot usually playing a larger role than at the Médoc First Growths. It is distinctive for its smoky, earthy complexity, often described in terms of tobacco, cedar and warm gravel, alongside fine, supple tannins. Haut-Brion is approachable earlier than some of its peers but ages magnificently for many decades.

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