

CHATEAU HAUT-BAILLY

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ

2022

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Jeb Dunnuck
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The 2022 Château Haut-Bailly is going to be one of the legendary vintages at this château, and it should be a no-brainer purchase for readers. Based on 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, and the rest Cabernet Franc, it has an incredible perfume of cassis, ripe black cherries, crushed stone, smoke tobacco, and wood smoke. Earning more than a few expletives in my notes, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, a deep, layered, multi-dimensional mouthfeel, and ultra-fine, silky tannins. Hold onto your hats, ladies and gentlemen, this is an incredible wine in the making!

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THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

Jeff Leve
05/2023

Initially, you find a display of flowers before moving on to all of its cigar wrapper, spice, blackberry, currant, black cherry, smoke, and hints of forest leaf in the perfume. Deeply concentrated, vibrant, and refined, the palate is packed with multiple-layers of perfectly, ripe, red fruits, a fabulous sense of purity, silky, soft, polished tannins, and ample lift in the finish, providing the backdrop to age, and evolve for decades. The wine blends 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 2% Petit Verdot. 14.5% ABV, pH 3.92. Picking took place September 7 - September 27. The yields were only 30 hectoliters per hectare. This is in serious contention as the best vintage ever produced at Haut Bailly. Drink from 2027-2060.

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bettane + desseuve

05/2023

Nez extraordinaire de complexité et de raffinement, notes merveilleuses de fruit, d'épices, de fumé minéral, magnifique grain de tannins, puissants et chatoyants en même temps, équilibre parfait sur la fraîcheur. La race à l'état pur et un potentiel incroyable. Somptueux.

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Yves Beck

Yves Beck
04/2023

Haut-Bailly fait partie de ses 2022 qui annoncent leur grandeur dès les premières secondes. Avant même de le porter aux lèvres et de le goûter, il affiche ses grandes ambitions. Tout est dans la mesure, rien dans l'excès, tout est subtil, rien n'est évident, sauf la grandeur. Le terroir confère une extraordinaire fraîcheur au travers de notes d'eucalyptus, de menthe poivrée et de baies rouges. Le palais a pour mission de non seulement maintenir le niveau, mais de plussoyer la grandeur annoncée. Il affiche une charmante sucrosité qui lui est conférée par des tannins suaves tandis que la structure acide se charge de conférer du tempérament et d'affirmer son côté incisif, aiguisé, digne d'un sabre laser de Jedi ! A l'image du bouquet, tout est parfaitement ordonné, parfaitement défini avec une aptitude extraordinaire à canaliser la puissance tannique. Un vin brillant, une fois de plus. Haut-Bailly se positionne clairement parmi les grandes réussites de 2022. La construction de ce vin est cohérente du début à la fin et cela commence bien avant les vinifications, à la vigne, grâce au travail méticuleux des équipes de Haut-Bailly. Il tient beaucoup à cœur, à Véronique, de laisser parler l'âme de Haut-Bailly et son précieux allié qu'est le terroir. Un vin d'une sincérité, d'une pureté, d'une justesse partiellement inexplicable. A l'image de la fraîcheur... il n'y a pas d'explications rationnelles pour expliquer sa présence, pourquoi d'ailleurs. Je pense quant à moi, avoir fourni suffisamment d'explications pourquoi le potentiel de ce vin est à 100 ! 2032-2080

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JS WINE RATINGS

James Suckling
04/2023

Incredible complexity of aromas here with ripe currants and blackberries, but also dried flowers like violets and roses. Then there's forest flower character such as bark, mushroom and sandalwood. Black truffles. Full-bodied with tight and chewy tannins that are polished and pure, with a solid and tight finish. It builds on your palate and frames the wine beautifully. 56% cabernet sauvignon, 37% merlot, 5% petit verdot and 2% cabernet franc.

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Adrian van Velsen
05/2023

Rubis puissant. Le nez dit "la chair de poule", profond, floral, qui touche, ici les sens se réjouissent, quel parfum, le fruit est on ne peut plus clair. Bouche dense, concentrée, pas un gramme de gras, pure précision, les tanins de la plus haute qualité, soyeux et pourtant très présents, prennent au piège le fruit délicat, le vin montre de la classe, du piquant et une excellente longueur, s'attarde quelques minutes, laissant un mélange de sombres Baies, cerises, notes réglissées et florales, cette épice, cette précision, époustouflante. C'est l'un des meilleurs que j'ai goûté jusqu'à présent. Grosses réserves. 2030-2060+

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Terre de Vins

Sylvie Tonnaire
05/2023

Second millésime vinifié dans le fabuleux chai et 25^{ème} pour la famille Wilmers. C'est un monument de finesse, en un mot la grande classe. Porté par des tanins dessinés à la plume, la texture souple et svelte livre un bouquet complexe aux notes de cèdre et d'épices fraîches rehaussées de saveurs framboise. Tout est intégré, en place, d'une grande élégance.

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Jean-Marc Quarin
04/2023

Beau rouge sombre, aux reflets noirs. Nez intense, au fruité très mûr, se révélant très frais à l'agitation du verre. En bouche, voici du beau velours riche, qui caresse le palais, moelleux, juteux. Le vin intensifie sa présence aromatique dans le dernier tiers du palais et ce, malgré un pH élevé. C'est incroyable. Grande longueur à la tannicité noble. Degré d'alcool : 14° - pH : 3,92. IPT : 76.

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WEINWISSER

05/2023

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RENE GABRIEL'S ULTIMATIVE BORDEAUX-WEB-NAVIGATION

René Gabriel
05/2023

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ALEXANDRE MAU

05/2023

We all understand that top chefs preheat their pans to ensure precise control over the heat. If the Château Haut-Bailly 2021 was akin to this preheating, then the 2022 vintage is undoubtedly a banquet they've served up for us! In the face of such a profoundly moving wine, any tasting notes seem redundant. You can discern everything it aims to convey: its restraint, its nobility, its pursuit of perfection, and its nonchalant grace, all encapsulated within a piece of green ink. With it, you can write the most poignant poetry; with it, you can sketch the most breathtaking landscapes. This generous gift from Château Haut-Bailly will only grow richer with time, safeguarding 'the quintessential Bordeaux taste', wherever and whenever.

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05/2023

La tension, l'intensité et la fraîcheur de Haut-Bailly sont vraiment de premier plan dans le contexte du millésime dans les Graves, même si la présence alcoolique ne se fait pas totalement oublier. Insistons sur la magnifique qualité des tanins, veloutés mais plus encore étirés, qui portent le vin sur toute la longueur escomptée, et même au-delà. Saluons l'expression aromatique déjà très aboutie, la plus racée de l'appellation à ce stade, complexe de naissance, mille nuances sur un fond réglissé et mentholé.

95-97



Neal Martin
05/2023

The 2022 Haut-Bailly was picked between 7 and 27 September and underwent a four-week cuvaision, taking longer to consume the sugar and was matured in 50% new oak. It has a bouquet that compels you just to sit and contemplate. It gradually unfolds with blackberry, raspberry, potpourri and iris flower scents, well-defined, not showy but suave. The palate is medium-bodied with filigree tannins. Minerals, black pepper and clove off a gentle grip with an impressive crescendo. It will need a decade in bottle. This Haut-Bailly has a haunting beauty, the kind of wine that will bring people to tears!

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05/2023

Stunning aromatics, with crushed roses and fragrant spice, edges of incense and gunsmoke. On the palate the fruits are intense cassis and bilberry, dusted with cocoa and liquorice root, and shot through with gentle acidities of pomegranate, mandarin peel, saffron and slate. Concentrated dark rosemary on the finish, this is so well judged, effortlessly impressive, a little atypical of Haut-Bailly in that there is less austerity to the tannic architecture than in the more understated vintages but it captures the finessed heart of the property, and will age for decades. 3.92ph, Axel Marchal consultant. 50% of the vines here are over 50 years or 60 years old, helping them withstand the heat. 30hl/h yields, 2nd vintage in the new cellar.

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**Lisa Perrotti-Brown**
05/2023

A blend of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot, and 2% Cabernet Franc, the 2022 Haut-Bailly is deep garnet-purple in color. It needs a fair bit of swirling to bring out fragrant notes of kirsch, warm cassis, black raspberries, and underbrush, followed by hints of star anise, peonies, graphite, and wood smoke. The full-bodied palate is densely laden with ripe, expressive black fruit and earthy accents, framed by firm, grainy tannins and seamless freshness, finishing long and minerally. pH 3.92.

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WINEDOCTOR

Chris Kissack
05/2023

The blend here is 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc. The latter two varieties were co-fermented, which they feel helps the blend, and while some of this mix has gone into the grand vin, some has also gone into the second wine. There was more high-quality Merlot available but this was also declassified to keep the stricter, Cabernet-driven, Haut-Bailly style. The nose is indeed classic Haut-Bailly, dark, a touch brooding, certainly concentrated, but also expressive and lifted, with elegant dark cherries and violet notes. The palate is beautifully fresh and framed, with a very cool construct of phenolics and acidity, around which is wrapped a silky ribbon of fruit, the structure firm, noble and correct for the palate, which displays the sinewy and lithe density shown throughout the vintage. A great finish here, a real flurry of fantastic fruit and finely polished tannins. A top result, so deliciously driven, energetic, dynamic and long. The alcohol is 14.5%.

96-98

Yohan Castaing
04/2023

The 2022 Haut-Bailly offers up aromas of dark berries complemented by accents of iris, lilac, rose petals, graphite and licorice. Medium to full-bodied, dense and concentrated, dense, it's layered and textural, with a deep core of fruit, powdery tannins and a penetrating, saline finish. Vinified along traditional lines, it is a structured wine that will take some time to hit its stride, but at this early stage it appears suppler and more seamless than its 2020 and 2019 predecessors. A blend of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot and 2% Cabernet Franc from grapes picked from September 7 to 27, it's maturing half in new barriques and half in one- or two-year-old barrels.

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matthewjukes

05/2023

Véronique Sanders explained that despite the heatwaves, there was no blockage in the vines, and while the leaves occasionally looked a little droopy in the late afternoon, they were perky again in the morning. There were no yellow leaves in the vineyard, and yet in the forests surrounding this estate, the leaves on the trees were already turning brown. At the end of the harvest, and looking back on the conditions, the decent rainfall in June profoundly helped the vintage. From the 3rd of July until the 16th of August, there was no rain at Haut-Bailly. On the 16th of August, 16mm fell, and this kicked off ripening. By contrast to the most recent very hot vintage, 2003, at least the nights were cool in 2022, which is the reason for the tension in the wines. In 2003, the vines suffered blockage, shutting down because night-time temperatures were 27C. They have two huge cold rooms at the new Haut Bailly winery, so the grapes were in perfect condition after harvest, and the extraction of colour, flavour and tannins was extremely gentle with no punching down needed. There is an incredible fruit character here that is all-encompassing and beautifully complete. The nose is ripe but not as bounding and joyful as one discovers on Haut Bailly II. By contrast, the controlled opulence and measured delivery of the flavours mesmerises the palate. Every grape plays its part in stunning harmony, and the precise blend of each critical element makes this wine so triumphant. The silica-fine-tannins are also sensational, scattered liberally throughout the palate, bringing ravishing texture to the whole. The depth of flavour is too great to comprehend in just one sip, and multiple visits record different nuances and more complex florals and orientals every time. This is as exotic and nuanced as any wine in 2022, and while it is darker and more brooding than HBII, it is an extraordinary wine, and it has set a new apogee of excellence for Haut-Bailly.

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Antonio Galloni
05/2023

The 2022 Haut-Bailly is dark and quite brooding in bearing. The natural intensity of small grapes comes through in the wine's dark fruit and firm, imposing tannins. Black cherry, gravel, cloves, cured meats, licorice, incense and charcoal embers add to an impression of virile thrust. I imagine the 2022 will take some time to come together, as the tannins are pretty forbidding at this stage.

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Decanter

Georgie Hindle
04/2023

Fragranced nose, purple fruits, blackcurrants, juniper, liquorice, crushed stones, salt, violets, roses, dark chocolate and cherries - perfumed, alive and expressive. Smooth, but generous with crunchy fruit and salty touches that come in and coat the super fine tannins with a powdery sensation that really fills the mouth. Nice terroir aspects, smooth, well textured and elegantly weighted. Gives dark fruit, subtle savoury tones with dark chocolate and herbal aspects giving nuance. Excellent length and freshness, it's graceful but almost a bit light in terms of fruit density and plushness - although the tannins are exceptional, really so sleek and silky with definition and detail. Feels well worked, gentle, confident and shiny. It's missing a touch more excitement and juicy liveliness but it's extremely finessed and you can't fault the attention to detail of the tannins and the moreish quality they give. Great potential. 3.92pH. 2% Cabernet Franc completes the blend. A yield of 30hl/ha. Consultants Christophe Olivier and Axel Marchal. Harvest 7-27 September.

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Jacques Perrin
05/2023

Robe noire. Le nez est magique, avec une grande profondeur. Bouche superbe, élancée, savoureuse, au tanin réglissé avec de très fins amers. Notes très subtiles en rétro, balsamiques, épicées et fruitées, avec des nuances d'encens et de tabac. Il trace longuement en bouche comme un trait dans l'espace ourlé de notes salines. Une grande réussite pour le 25ème anniversaire de la reprise de la propriété par la famille Willmers.

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Andrew Caillard MW
05/2023

Deep colour. Intense cassis graphite aromas with dark chocolate espresso notes. Richly concentrated blackcurrant / cassis, cedar, praline flavours, persistent fresh juicy acidity, lovely density and fresh al dente tannins. Finishes crunchy with chocolaty notes. Animated and concentrated with all the elements in balance.

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LE FIGARO

Ella Lister et Béatrice Delamotte
05/2023

Des notes sombres de fruits, de graphite au nez, des éclats de cacao et la sapidité fraîche et merveilleusement végétale de la sève de fleurs. Un bouquet qui se révèle petit à petit. Croquant, étincelant en première bouche, puis, la texture soyeuse glisse le long du palais, emportant les saveurs raffinées du vin. Une présence silencieuse mais puissante de tannins mûrs qui structurisent la fin de bouche, avant une finale florale et salivante. On retrouve cette texture gourmande qu'on aime tant chez les haut baillys récents, un vrai régal.

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