

CHATEAU HAUT-BAILLY

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ

2023

Antonio Galloni
vinous

Neal Martin
04/2024

The 2023 Haut-Bailly was picked from September 11 to 29 at 40.5hL/ha. It is being raised in 50% new oak for a planned 14 months, plus another three in vats. Véronique Sanders told me that there is 6% vin de presse in the blend this year. This has a beguiling bouquet that instantly switches on a metaphorical neon sign that announces you are in the presence of a very serious wine. Extremely pure and delineated, the nose presents aromas of blackberry mixed with wild strawberry, cedar and light sous-bois. It's much more classical in style compared to the 2022. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grained tannins that frame the blackberry, raspberry, cedar and graphite-infused fruit. It boasts more grip and persistency on the finish than its peers, with a residual subtle pinch of black pepper. **This ranks as one of the standout wines in Pessac-Léognan, perhaps in Bordeaux itself. Outstanding.**

96-98

JANE ANSON
INSIDE BORDEAUX

04/2024

Inky plum colour, this is just so effortless, incredible savoury and moreish, salted cracker and cocoa bean, fine plentiful tannins, with plenty of hidden depths. Feels like a wine that you know you will be thrilled to be drinking in years to come. High floral aromatics unwind as you sit with the glass, showing purity of rose bud and liquorice, chalky tannins that are supple with finesse and grain. 50% new oak. Harvest September 11 to 29.

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Adrian van Velsen
05/2024

Deep, cool in expression, crystal-clear Cabernet fruit, blackberry, cherry, cassis, violets, stony undertones; powerful on the palate, has meat on the bone, remains elegant, silky tannin ensnares the fruit, extremely long on the finish, ends on red berries and liquorice. An excellent, charming Haut-Bailly that will be fun at every stage of its life.

97-100

Yves Beck

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04/20234

La couleur était déjà bien annoncée par Haut-Bailly II. Le 1er vin assume sereinement le défi posé par son second. Il faut dire que lorsque les jalons sont si bien posés, on ne peut que bénéficier de cette **voie royale**. Intense et précis, le bouquet a un évident focus sur le fruit et la fraîcheur respectivement des notes de baies rouges et de cassis tandis que de fines nuances boisées agissent en coulisse. L'attaque se veut également précise. Elle annonce le vin avec délicatesse et laisse la voie libre à **un Haut Bailly puissant, profond, tonique, aux tannins subtils et vigoureux, bien enrobés de surcroît. Un vin linéaire, pure, précis et d'une rare persistance. Encore une fois, Haut-Bailly**

98-100



James Suckling
04/2024

I am thinking about the purity of fruit here, with blackcurrants, cassis and lead pencil. There's an underlying character of mineral and flint. The palate is **dense, focused and precise**, with very fine tannins that are ultra-fine and layered and go vertically down the palate. **Everything is in the right place**. So much polish and a svelte nature. Then hints of hazelnut and walnut to the refined texture. Sophisticated. 58% cabernet sauvignon, 34% merlot, 4% cabernet franc and 4% petit verdot.

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05/2024

Un vin clair, sans saturation chromatique, mais d'une **magnifique plénitude et d'une grande sérénité**. **L'identité du cru est parfaitement retranscrite** dans cette version tout en finesse, expressive, d'emblée charmeuse, au parfum charnel de pivoine rouge. Indéniablement svelte. La matière s'exprime en longueur étirée, sans le moindre creux, maigreur ni angulosité. **La saveur est pure, prenante, distinguée**. La structure tannique suit le flot de la chair sans jamais s'imposer. C'est une **grande réussite** qui confirme que les millésimes moins massifs conviennent à merveille à Haut-Bailly.

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04/2024

Château Haut-Bailly has always been a symbol of Bordeaux's nobility and restraint. Its beauty is compared to "autumn chrysanthemums and flourishing spring pines" and typically reveals itself gradually with age. **However, the 2023 vintage has a gentle character, which allows this wine to express the essence of Château Haut-Bailly from its youth.** The wine has a stable foundation from the start and exudes a rustic fragrance of pines and cypresses. As the waxberry and mulberry flavors glide across the palate, they maintain a juicy texture while also picking up a touch of the ink's elegance. This offers an ancient charm and a lingering taste. The 2023 Château Haut-Bailly returns to the classic blending ratio, harboring profound energy within its seemingly delicate and graceful body.

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Lisa Perrotti-Brown
05/2024

A blend of 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, and 4% Petit Verdot, the 2023 Haut-Bailly has a pH of 3.75. It is deep garnet-purple in color and it waltzes out with showy scents of boysenberry preserves, stewed plums, and fruit cake, followed by underlying suggestions of Indian spices, menthol, graphite, and lavender, with a hint of cardamom. The full-bodied palate is rich and seductively plush, with layers of black fruits and exotic spices, plus mint and floral sparks, finishing long and fragrant. **It is so graceful and opulent!**

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JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck
04/2024

The 2023 Château Haut-Bailly is 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, and 4% each of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot, aging in 50% new French oak. It has an incredible sense of purity and elegance, with perfumed redcurrants, darker berries, dried herbs, flowers, and tobacco. This carries to a medium to full-bodied red with beautiful tannins, a seamless, layered mouthfeel, integrated acidity, and that **undeniable sense of class and finesse that define this château.**

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05/2024

Un modèle de classicisme qui n'ennuie jamais, promis à un grand avenir et dans le type même de ce que ce cru célèbre peut donner.

95-96, coup de cœur

Antonio Galloni
05/2024

The 2023 Haut-Bailly is one of the most sensual, elegant wines I have tasted here. Soft, curvy and racy, the 2023 is impeccably balanced right out of the gate. Deceptively approachable and soft, the 2023 is much more about finesse than power. **It's a wine that represents the new spirit of Bordeaux – a wine that emphasizes understatement and class.**

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THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

Jeff Leve
04/2024

Flowers, cedar, spice, and tobacco coupled with black raspberries, blackberries, and smoke aromatics are what initially grabs your attention. There is a vibrancy paired with elegant, firm tannins, and purity, and length that is impossible to ignore on the palate. The finish is silky, and refined, leaving you with lingering black raspberries, and black cherries, with a refreshing touch of mint in the slightly, firm endnote that make you want to take another sip. It was management of the mildew pressure, along with paying attention to the degree of ABV which were the two key areas of attention here this year. Picking took place September 11 - September 29. Drink from 2029-2060.

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LE FIGARO

Ella Lister et Béatrice Delamotte
05/2024

Une retenue au nez, avec de jolis fruits rouges qui pointent le bout de leur nez, des prunes et des fraises des bois. Crémeux en bouche, il dévoile la caresse veloutée caractéristique de Haut-Bailly. Un vin subtil et discret, affichant une fraîcheur, une salinité et une élégance sensationnelles, pour un palais moderne. **Il reste fidèle à son identité : bravo. Superbement élégant.**

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Decanter

Georgie Hindle
04/2024

Such pretty aromatics, gorgeous florally on the nose - roses and peonies, blackcurrant leaf, cranberries and cherries with some plum and black chocolate too. Soft and smooth, sumptuous like Haut-Bailly usually is. Juicy and plump for the vintage, it keeps its defined frame thanks to fine tannins with slightly sharp edges but it also has some softness with ripe fruit and lots of freshness. This is a real success, slightly hot on the finish and a little toasted but this has finesse and complexity with layered of flavour and texture. Stylish and confident.

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Jean-Marc Quarin
04/2024

Beau rouge pourpre. Nez intense, fin, pur, fruité et subtil. Délicat en entrée de bouche, avec de suite de la classe dans le toucher, le vin caresse le palais. Il évolue sur un corps juteux, vers une finale aux arômes fins et aux appuis tanniques modérés. Bonne longueur. Vinification ultra light. Assemblage : 58 % cabernet sauvignon, 34 % merlot, 4 % cabernet franc, 4 % petit verdot. Degré d'alcool : 14°3 - pH : 3,75 - IPT : 74. Rendement : 40 hl/ha. 10 % de vin de presse.

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WINEDOCTOR

Chris Kissack
04/2024

The *grand vin* is a blend of 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot, and the yield was 40.5 hl/ha, a little above average for the appellation. This takes 55% of the crop. The aromatics here are pure, crystalline and (like the second wine also) framed and enhanced by a touch of reduction. I find crystalline red cherries, redcurrants, leather and plum, with an overlay of matchstick. This translates into a very precise, sinewy, lithe and rather athletic palate, with a medium body, and a firm sense of frame. Within there is a backbone of tightly knit and correct tannin, wrapped in the tense red fruits seen on the nose, with that reductive trace again, and a great sense of energy which bursts forth at the finish. A delicious and very drinkable example of Haut-Bailly, with finesse but also mettle, classic for the *château*, and it should give a lot of pleasure. The *élevage* will be in 50% new oak. The alcohol is 14.4%.

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WINE ADVOCATE

Yohan Castaing
04/2024

A blend of 58% Cabernet Sauvignon (harvested from the 20th to the 29th of September), 34% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc and 4% Petit Verdot, the 2023 Haut-Bailly offers up aromas of mulberries, cassis, dark wild berries, pencil lead, licorice and spices, followed by a medium to full-bodied, concentrated and rich palate that is both layered and seamless, its deep mid-palate animated by lively acids, concluding with long, mineral, penetrating finish. Although it displays a darker, more brooding profile character than in previous years, it remains highly representative of its terroir and will benefit from some patience. It's being matured in 50% new oak.

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Les Echos
LE QUOTIDIEN DE L'ÉCOLE

Bernard Burtschy
06/2024

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Lin Liu MW
04/2024

This wine showcases an almost Burgundian style, highlighted by its lively and crisp red fruits, accompanied by a relatively light body that imparts a refreshingly delicate quality. It exudes a sense of elegance and refinement, delivering a lively and flavourful experience to the palate. Despite these admirable characteristics, it does exhibit a modest level of concentration when compared to the estate's finest vintages.

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1000 PLATEAUX

Le blog de Jacques Perrin

Clio Perrin
05/2024

Entrée en bouche fruitée et avenante. Il s'allonge, crémeux, avec une belle dimension tactile, subtilement structuré. Le tanin est d'une grande élégance.

97/100

WEINWISSER

Tjark Wisser (Giuseppe Lauria)
05/2024

58 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 34 % Merlot, 4 % Cabernet Franc, 4 % Petit Verdot, 40 hl/ha, 14.3 vol.-%. What a seductive aroma, blackcurrant, dark cherry, marjoram and wild sage, followed by light tobacco, delicate graphite notes and cranberry juice. Taut on the complex palate with a velvety texture and tightly woven tannin structure, building up a lot of tension, with balanced race and a well-trained body. A concentrated, long-lasting finish with small black berries, dark minerality and sublime astringency. **Reminds me of the nimble Muhammad Ali. Clearly belongs to the top league in Pessac-Léognan.**

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James Lawther
04/2024

Fresher than HB II with more of a Cabernet leaning (cassis and blueberry notes). Texturally smooth and round, the tannins fine but plenty of drive and persistence. Crunchy fruit and a light chalky finish. Less power than 2022 but more freshness and finesse and maybe balance. (JL)

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