

HAUT-BAILLY • II

2023

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James Suckling
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The energy and focus in this second wine from Haut-Bailly is exciting, with aromas of iodine, oyster shells, blackberries and bark. Medium-bodied with fine, velvety tannins and a long, spicy and salty finish. Some white pepper. From organically grown grapes. Best after 2028.

94/100

Yves Beck

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12/2025

La finesse, la fraîcheur et la profondeur du bouquet dessinent des esquisses de sérénité ! Le boisé est perceptible, mais il fait ce que l'on attend de lui, respectivement de plébisciter les arômes présents. Suave et salin en attaque, le vin regroupe ses énergies pour les emmener le long du palais. L'ensemble est consolidé par une assise solide qui regroupe vigueur, tempérament et austérité. Un adolescent bien élevé qui doit néanmoins terminer de ranger sa chambre. Un peu de patience s'impose. 2028-2040.

94/100

VINOUS

Antonio Galloni
02/2026

The 2023 Haut-Bailly • II is plump, juicy and open-knit. Crushed flowers, red cherry/plum fruit, tobacco, cedar, dried herbs and mint are some of the notes that grace this silky, super-classy wine from Haut-Bailly. Floral top notes reappear to lift the close. **The essence of Haut-Bailly.**

93/100

Vinum
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Adrian van Velsen
04/2026

Open as a barn door, ripe plum, black cherries, cream, licorice, dried roses; opulent on the palate, ripe, sweet fruit, the finest tannins, well-balanced acidity, powerful yet refined, with a dark-fruited and caramel notes in the aftertaste. **A robust Haut-Bailly • II that will be a delight at every stage of its life.** Drink from 2027 to 2042.

93/100

Le Point

Jacques Dupont
05/2026

Cerise noire, cassis, note fumée, bouche dense, bois de réglisse, tanins soyeux, finale harmonieuse.

17/20

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

Jeff Leve
03/2026

Mint, flowers, herbs, tobacco and sweet cherries are already expressive in the nose. Soft, forward, silky, and lively, the medium-bodied, elegantly-textured wine is packed with ripe, cherries, and a hint of cocoa and spice in the finish. **This is perfect to enjoy while waiting for the Grand Vin to develop.** Drink from 2027-2038.

92/100

JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck
03/2026

Ripe black cherries, licorice, leafy tobacco, and graphite emerge from the 2023 Haut-Bailly • II. **A rocking second wine.** It's medium-bodied, round, supple, and elegant on the palate, with a good sense of freshness and ripe tannins. Drink this charming effort over the coming 15 years. Drink 2026-2041.

91/100

ALEXANDRE MA®

Alexandre Ma
01/2026

In 2023, Haut-Bailly • II transported me back to the scents of 1980s Bordeaux. This wine boasts crisp acidity, mature polyphenols, and the brittle fragrance of berries, all enhanced by the characteristic graphite powder notes, resulting in ideal layering. **The finesse and elegance of Bordeaux are fully displayed in this wine,** and the finish offers a hint of cedar freshness and a rare salty note, which makes a high proportion of Merlot with the dress of Cabernet Sauvignon.

92/100



Jane Anson
Primeurs - 04/2024

Carefully balanced, with precision, cloves, fennel, dried fruits, joyful and vibrant, with savoury black fruits, moreish and delicious. 40hl/h yield. Includes the vines from Le Pape for the second year (and from now on).
93 /100

Decanter

Georgie Hindle
Primeurs - 04/2024

Fragrant nose, really quite floral - rose, violets and peonies on the nose with raspberry and red cherry. Soft and suave, this has a silky elegance to it. Tannins are a little powdery, giving some structure, and just take over the fruit, but this has ripe fruit and a minty, fresh undercurrent which keeps the lift all the way through. Plus this feels like it has depth. **A great second wine**, more body than some, a chew and soft sweetness that is nice. It's a little light overall, but very Haut-Bailly esque, elegant with some wood spice, cedar and bitter liquorice on the finish.

93/100



Pierre Citerne
Primeurs - 04/2024

Désormais fondé majoritairement sur le merlot (64 % de l'assemblage cette année), le second vin de Haut-Bailly est **une véritable gourmandise**, dont on boirait déjà volontiers de larges rasades... Clair d'aspect, tendre, il s'offre dès le nez, avec la prééminence d'un fruit direct, avenant, volubile même. L'expressivité de ce même fruit, d'une délicieuse douceur, s'articule en bouche autour d'une structure plus acidulée que tannique. **Un bonbon**, mais sans aucun simplisme.

91-93/100

WEINWISSER

Giuseppe Lauria
Primeurs - 05/2024

Delicate bouquet, red berry contours, rosemary, cloves and light tobacco. Elegant on the palate with a straightforward orientation, tightly woven tannin structure, supportive race, good tension - **a serious second wine**. Cranberry, verbena and mealy astringency on the concentrated finish.

18/20

VINOUS

Neal Martin
02/2026

The 2023 Haut-Bailly•II has a tightly wound nose at first, black plum mixed with bilberry and light potpourri scents, just a touch of caramel in the background. **Fine delineation**. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins. Moderate depth, smooth in texture, fine acidity, nice sapidity toward the licorice-tinged finish that feels open for business. You could drink this over the next 10 to 12 years.

90/100



Jean-Marc Quarin
02/2026

Couleur rouge sombre. Nez intense, au fruité très mûr. Un brin surmûr à l'agitation du verre. **Délicat en entrée de bouche, savoureux au milieu, le vin glisse, charme, avec des arômes sudistes et un corps à la tannicité fine**. C'est bon. 2028 - 2044.

90/100

WINEDOCTOR

Chris Kissack
01/2026

An expressive, gloriously welcoming nose on this, the second wine of Haut-Bailly. Touches of dried red cherry here, but what is most striking is the perfume, the violets, roses and mint, which has a lovely linearity. This is then developed by the palate, which starts linear, classical, restrained and polished, with a modest build of texture in the middle, but really **this second wine is all about perfume, sinew and elegance**. It culminates in a wash of tightly knit tannins, which coat the length. A very fine Haut-Bailly•II this year, which will just need a year or two to soften the grip, although it is very close to drinking now.

90/100



Yohan Castaing
Primeurs - 04/2024

Aromas of cassis, mulberries, violet and dark wild berries characterized this elegant, gourmand and fresh 2023 Haut-Bailly•II.

90-92/100



Lin Liu MW
Primeurs - 04/2024

Exhibiting delicacy and great fruit ripeness, this wine offers a crunchy texture with vibrant red fruits. Its beautiful tannin profile enhances the overall experience, leading to a long-lasting, classy finish.

92-93/100



Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Primeurs - 05/2024

It is deep garnet-purple in color and it leaps from the glass with energetic notes of crushed Bing cherries, juicy raspberries, and strawberry preserves giving way to hints of cumin seed, Sichuan pepper, mossy tree bark, and black olives. The medium-bodied palate is velvety and juicy, with a great concentration of mid-palate fruit and a spicy finish.

89-91/100