

# Château Haut Bergey 2014

CSPC# 785921

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

## Grape Variety

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot

## Appellation

Pessac-Léognan

## Classification

Grand Vin de Bordeaux

## Website

[http://composis.aropixel.com/vignobles\\_garcin/chateau-haut-bergey-index-eng.html](http://composis.aropixel.com/vignobles_garcin/chateau-haut-bergey-index-eng.html)

## General Info

In the 15th century the "Seigneur de la Louvière" and the "Seigneur d'Olivier" got to work on the re-parceling of agricultural land and so was born "La maison noble de Pontey" today named Chateau Haut-Bergey. In 1700 Sir Jean-François de Cresse, a member of parliament of Bordeaux, took it over and used it as his permanent residence.

By 1772 the estate stretched over 100 hectares of vineyard. A hundred years later, though the vineyard was abandoned and in 1850 a splendid castle was reconstructed becoming a leisure residence. It was in the middle of the last century the castle returned to the wine growing roots of the past.

In March 1991 Sylviane Garcin-Cathiard acquired Chateau Haut-Bergey.

Granddaughter of a wine merchant and a successful businesswoman, her approach has always been that of a connoisseur appreciating great wine.

It was love at first sight and the promising charm of Chateau Haut-Bergey encouraged her into a large renovation project whilst respecting the former traditions.

Commitment to quality is her main principle.

## Vintage

2014 was marked by an extraordinary Indian summer that saved the vintage. Fine spring weather was conducive to a good start to the growing season. However, challenging summer conditions seriously slowed down ripening. Fortunately, the month of September was absolutely beautiful, with dry, extremely sunny weather accompanied by highs of close to 30°C. This superb weather, with cool night-time temperatures, enabled the grapes to ripen beautifully, and they were able to be brought into the vat house having reached a perfect level of ripeness.

## Vineyards

The 28.5 hectares are located in the heart of the village of Leognan, a leading area of Graves region. At the end of the Tertiary era and during the Quaternary the changing meanderings of the Garonne left a large variety of gravel, pebbles and other stones that constitute the complexity of this exceptional ground. In springtime, the temperature of soil rises constantly. During summertime and especially in September the gravel reflects the absorbed heat onto the bunches of grapes, thus improving the process of ripening.

The vineyard of Haut-Bergey is well exposed to the south and south-west on slightly sloping grounds, so ensuring natural drainage. The subsoil is composed of clay and chalk streaked with iron-bearing parts that also contribute to the uniqueness and personality of the wines of HAUT-BERGEY. The vineyard of Chateau Haut-Bergey comprises 26.5 hectares of red grapes and 2 hectares of white grapes. 54% Cabernet Sauvignon / 46% Merlot

## Harvest

The grapes are transported in small boxes of 20 kg in order to avoid them being squeezed or oxidation.

## Vinification/ Maturation

Stainless steel tanks of 80 to 120 hl. New french oak barrels: 50% for 16-18 months  
The preparation of the wine is done in a traditional way: every parcel of vines is separately prepared in small vats of stainless steel or wood with integrated hot and cold regulation. The wine is aged in oak barrels for between 16 to 18 months according to the vintage.

## Production

12,500 cases made.

## Cellaring

Drink 2018-2030

## Scores/Awards

**91 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2017

**91-94 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2015

**89-91 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #218 - April 29, 2015



**Scores/Awards** **89-90 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - March 2015  
**89-91 points** - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - March 1, 2015  
**15.75 (85+) points** - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - June 2015  
**89-90 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2015  
**84-86 points** - Jeremy Williams, winewordsandvideotape.com - March 2015  
**86 points** - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com - March 2015  
**90-93 points** - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2015  
**15 points** - Bettane & Desseauve (score only)  
**14.5 points** - Gault & Millau (score only)

**Reviews** *"A solid, grippy-edged style, with a core of steeped plum and blackberry fruit laced with tar and roasted apple wood notes. Picks up needed energy on the finish. A bit brooding in feel, but there's ample depth of fruit and grip to wait this out. Best from 2019 through 2027. 12,500 cases made."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"Succulent, with lots of red currant and blackberry confiture notes, laced with anise and sweet spice details. A singed apple wood edge forms on the finish. Shows excellent energy overall. Score range: 91-94"*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"The Château Haut-Bergey 2014 is a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon and 35% Merlot (though is pinch of Petit Verdot according H  l  ne Garcin-L  veque) raised in 30% new oak. It has a lot of ripeness on the nose, quite "full-on" in style and showing just a little sur-maturit  . The palate is better, reining the opulence of the aromatics in with quite dense blackberry and raspberry fruit with commendable delineation on the finish. It just needs to contain that over-enthusiasm on the nose."*  
- NM, Wine Advocate

*"A solid core of fruit to this wine with blueberry, dark chocolate and mineral character. Full body with firm tannins and a fresh finish."*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"89-91. Barrel Sample. Ripe berry fruits push through the firm structure to create a juicy, potentially rich wine. It has an immediately attractive freshness, but tannins and dark wood flavors promise aging."*  
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

*"This is quite a mouth filler, some tannic hold but veering over to slightly under ripe on the finish which cuts the length a little short. Ambition is clearly on display from Vignobles Garcin, this is one that will need a few years to soften. Medium term, with carafing, from a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot."*  
- JA, Decanter.com

*"An approach-ably styled Pessac Leognan with mature black cherries, smooth textures and a smoky, spice box and black cherry finish. 89-90 Pts"*  
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

*"2014 Deep and saturated look; purple edge; smoky; dark chocolate; bitter black cherry; quite taut palate; blackcurrants and black chocolate with bitter tones; very chewy and dry on the finish. Needs to settle. Drink 2018-2025. Tasted 1 April 2015. 84-86?"*  
- JW, winewordsandvideotape.com

*"Balanced, plummy and quite forward in its flavor. The fruit is a bit cooked and not fresh which is surprising given the relatively cool vintage. That said, this is one of the best Haut-Bergey reds over the past five years."*  
- JCL, asianpalate.com

*"A big, powerful wine, the 2014 Haut-Bergey hits the palate with an exotic m  lange of smoke, cured meats, tobacco, black fruit, incense and dark spices. Deep, rich and quite concentrated, the 2014 is bursting at the seams with personality. Don't expect the 2014 to drink well anytime soon. Still, for those who can wait, the 2014 has plenty to offer. The substantial yet silky finish alone is hugely appealing. The blend is 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot. (AG)"*  
- AG, Vinous

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