

Château Haut Bergey 2020

CSPC# 888288

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec.
Appellation	Pessac-Léognan
Classification	Grand Vin de Bordeaux
Website	https://www.haut-bergey.fr/vins-eng.html
Sustainability	The vineyard is farmed using only 100% organic and biodynamic techniques. Haut Bergey earned their certification for being organic in 2018.
General Info	<p>In the 15th century the “Seigneur de la Louvière” and the “Seigneur d’Olivier” got to work on the reparcelling 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Winemaker	François Prouteau, winemaker
Vintage	The climatic conditions of this vintage were not obvious. Heavy rains in the spring and a severe drought this summer characterize 2020 at Château Haut-Bergey. The effects of the summer heat were offset by the clay soil which served as a water reserve. The maturity reached by the grapes is however qualitative.
Vineyards	The Chateau Haut-Bergey vineyard covers 70 hectares, out of which 42 hectares of vines are in production and planted in sandy-gravelly soils upon a clay subsoil. The vineyard is certified for organic and biodynamic viticulture, practicing grassing between the rows of vines, earthing, and unearthing by foot. The vineyard and wines of Chateau Haut-Bergey are Ecocert and Demeter certified. The 2020 Chateau Haut-Bergey red comes from a 25-hectare vineyard.
Harvest	The grapes are transported in small boxes of 20 kg in order to avoid them being squeezed or oxidation. The 2020 yield was just 18 hl/ha.
Winemaking	The grapes, harvested manually, were subject to successive sorting. The vinification of the 2020 Chateau Haut-Bergey red was carried out in tapered stainless-steel vats, favoring gentle extraction. Aging lasted 16 months in 3000-liter casks and 300-liter barrels.
Tasting Notes	The 2020 vintage is characterized by its power and its fresh and dense fruit. Fine and precise tannins announce a great aging capability. Delicate, dark fruity nose, shows blackberries, prunes, herbs, cinnamon. Soft on the palate, round, almost plump, then grabs, the tannins mark, have a slightly drying effect, give the fruit a tight corset, in the middle palate with an aromatic sag. Short, slightly drying finish. 2024-2035.
Serve with	Chateau Haut Bergey is best served at 15.5 degrees Celsius, 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The cool, almost cellar temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift. The red wine of Chateau Haut Bergey is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes.
Production	5,000 cases made
Cellaring	Drink 2024-2037.



Scores/Awards **91 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2023
88-90 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - May 2021
95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - January 2023
93-94 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2021
91-93 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2021
17 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2021
90 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - May 2021
91 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2021
91 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2023
90-92 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2021
89 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only) - April 2021
89 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - March 2023
88-90 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - May 2021
85 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - March 2023
91-93 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2021
92-93 points - Terres de Vins (score only) - September 2021
91-93 points - La Revue du Vin France (score only) - January 2022

Reviews *"Shows nice breadth, with warm earth and paving stone notes supporting a core of gently mulled red and black currant fruit. Delivers a dusting of tobacco and cedar on the finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec. Drink now through 2032. 5,000 cases made."*
- JM, Wine Spectator

"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2020 Haut Bergey strides out of the glass with notes of stewed black and red plums, baked blackberries, and Morello cherries, plus touches of tar, unsmoked cigars, and charcuterie with a touch of bay leaves. The medium-bodied palate has a pleasant chewiness and just enough freshness to frame the black fruit layers, finishing long and savory."
- LPB, Wine Advocate

"A very fine and polished 2020 with tar, blackberry, stone and wet earth aromas and flavors. Full and reserved with beautiful tannins and a long, long finish."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Lots of crushed stone and blackberry with some walnut and mushroom. Dried-earth undertone. Medium-to full-bodied with round, ripe tannins, and a savory finish. From biodynamically grown grapes. Demeter certification. Barrel Sample: 93-94."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"This wine is dense, with serious initial tannins that mask the black fruits. The structure is in place and behind the black currant fruits. Together they promise a wine with plenty of aging potential. Barrel Sample: 91-93."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

"Full bottle just 1,260 g. Demeter certified. Cask sample taken 2 April. 40% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot, 1% Malbec. The average yield was just 18 hl/ha. Aged 16 months in 300-litre barrels and a 3,000-litre wooden tun. Blackish, concentrated crimson. High-toned nose suggests some subtlety. Lovely supple palate entry – very beguiling and distinctive. Lots of freshness and terroir expression here. The tannins are so ripe you hardly notice them; they creep up on you only at the end. This definitely treads its own path and delivers what one might call new bordeaux with a fan of subtle flavours at the end. Chapeau."
- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"This has attractive juice and touches of austere sappy tannins, feels bristling and well handled, with blood orange notes on the attack. Concentrated fruits as it builds up power, this doesn't quite have the seductive glamour that you often find in Pessac-Léognan but is structured and enjoyable. Organic certified. A yield of 18hl/ha. 16 month ageing in 300L barrels and 3,000L wooden tun. Demeter certified. 6% Petit Verdot and 1% Malbec complete the blend."
- JA, Decanter.com

Reviews *“Intense blackberry and hawthorn flavors where you just know there is juice and character without going overboard. Not overly polished, not over oaked there is a lot to enjoy here, although a point of bitterness on the finish pulls things up a little short. Barrel Sample: 90.”*

- JA, Decanter.com

“The nose kicks off with espresso, coffee bean, chocolate, black cherries, and flowers. The wine is rich, fleshy, and concentrated with dark red fruits, toasty oak, and chocolate. Round-textured and youthful, it is going to need a year or more in the cellar to allow the oak to better integrate. Drink from 2025-2040.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Strong notes of espresso bean, spice, mint, herbs, and dark red fruits come to surface with little effort. On the palate, you find lush, round, sweet, glossy, polished ripe red fruits, soft textures, and silky tannins in the round finish.”

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“A perfumed, exotic, complex beauty, the 2020 Château Haut-Bergey has loads of ripe black cherry and almost blue fruits as well as notes of leafy herbs, chocolate, and damp earth. This textured, medium to full-bodied, fruit-forward Pessac is well worth enjoying over the coming decade.”

- Jeb Dunnuck

“Deeply colored, the 2020 Château Haut-Bergey boasts full-bodied, mouth-filling amounts of black and blue fruits supported by notes of celery seed, dark chocolate, and earth. It’s one big mouthful of a 2020, and although it leaves a bit of elegance to be desired, it certainly brings the fruit.”

- Jeb Dunnuck

“Deep dark ruby, opaque core, purple reflections, subtle brightening on rim. Fine nougat, dark cherries, herbs, and noble wood. Juicy fruit, ripe heart cherries, plums, silky tannins, fine minerality, salty finish.”

- PM, Falstaff Magazine
