

# Château Haut Brisson 2021

CSPC# 102865

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc
<b>Appellation</b>	St. Emilion
<b>Classification</b>	Grand Cru Classé
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.vignoblesk.com/includes/entites/4335/2141/product%20sheet%20%20chateau%20haut-brisson%202020.pdf">https://www.vignoblesk.com/includes/entites/4335/2141/product%20sheet%20%20chateau%20haut-brisson%202020.pdf</a>
<b>Sustainability</b>	Château Haut-Brisson has been a member of SME (Environmental Management System) of Bordeaux wines and has been HVE III and Iso 14001 certified since 2015. In September 2021, the estate has also started a conversion process to organic farming. This new step is part of our general approach of vineyard and environment protection.
<b>General Info</b>	<p>Chateau Haut Brisson, located in the Vignonet sector of St. Emilion, not far from Monbousquet or Teyssier was purchased in 1997 by Taiwanese businessman Peter Kwok. Kwok. Peter Kwok, the new owner wanted to discover how far he could push the quality envelop for his Right Bank chateau. Before he could do that, he began increasing the size of their vineyards. When Kwok completed his purchase, the estate was only 8 hectares. Today, Chateau Haut Brisson has a total of 12.77 hectares of land in St. Emilion. Starting with the 2005 vintage at Haut Brisson, they introduced the small production, 400 case Bordeaux wine, Haut Brisson La Reserve. This higher end cuvee is a selection of the best parcels and the finest barrels. The wine is aged in 100% new, French oak. Both wines drink well young. There is a second wine, Haut Brisson La Grave.</p> <p>The Château is currently being part-managed by Kwok's eldest daughter, Elaine, aged 32, while the 17-hectare Château Tour Saint Christophe, which was previously owned by Castel, will pass to Karen, aged 27, while Château La Patache has been secured for Howard, aged 24. Kwok visits Saint Emilion every two months and loves French culture.</p>
<b>Winemaker</b>	Jérôme Aguirre. Michel Rolland is a consultant.
<b>Vintage</b>	After a wet December, January and February saw 108 mm/4.3 in and 99 mm/3.9 in of rain respectively and Bordeaux then had a dry March and April. They had some frost impact in April, and the frozen areas didn't produce any grapes, so yields were down by two-thirds, compared to 2020. After the early frost had slowed things down, May was colder than normal, and wetter. June was warmer thanks to some fine weather during the flowering period before the heavy rains. July and August were comparatively cool before a late summer surge in the first half of September.
<b>Vineyards</b>	Chateau Haut Brisson was certified organic in 2010. They are now farming more of the estate using biodynamic farming techniques. The St. Emilion vineyards of Haut Brisson cover 32 acres and sits on mostly sandy soils. The blend for each Bordeaux wine is on average, 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon and 5% Cabernet Franc. The vines are close to 30 years of age.
<b>Harvest</b>	The 2021 Haut-Brisson is the product of low yields, as this site <i>was impacted by the April frosts</i> .
<b>Vinification</b>	This year we carried out "integral vinification" in barrels. This means that, for part of our production, the winemaking process will take place in contact with the wood, in the barrels, including maceration and fermentation (alcoholic and malolactic). During these stages, we will practice a regular "pigeage" in order to promote the contact of the grape skins with the juice, and there to release more flavors and aromas. This method also aims to soften tannins, bringing thus more roundness to the wine.
<b>Maturation</b>	35% new barrels - 35% 1-wine barrels - 30% 2-wine barrels for 15 months
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	The 2021 vintage of Château Haut Brisson is defined by freshness and elegance. Aromas of blackcurrant mingle with notes of graphite; the well- balanced palate, with ripe tannins, offers a beautiful impression. There are hints of spice and black fruit. The finish is fresh and al- most chalky.
<b>Serve with</b>	With its structure and complexity, Château Haut-Brisson pairs perfectly with red meats, sauced dishes, and cheeses. Its complexity also makes it an ideal choice to accompany dishes with character, such as spicy dishes. In short, Château Haut-Brisson is an exceptional wine that will delight Bordeaux wine lovers looking for quality and aging potential.
<b>Production</b>	10,000 bottles made
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2023-2030



**Scores/Awards** **90-92 points** - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022  
**88-90 points** - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent (score only) - May 2022  
**92 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - January 2024  
**91-92 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2022  
**Review only** - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - March 2022  
**88 points** - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - May 2022  
**90 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2024  
**89-91 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2022  
**90-92 points** - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - May 2022  
**90 points** - Jeb Dunnuck MW - March 2024  
**89-91 points** - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2022  
**93 points** - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2022  
**91 points** - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2022  
**92 points** - Vert de Vin - July 2022

**Reviews** *"The 2021 Haut-Brisson is the product of low yields, as this site was impacted by the April frosts. Delivering aromas of sweet berry, plums, licorice, and orange rind, it's medium to full-bodied, broad, and textural, with a fleshy core of fruit and powdery tannins that assert themselves on the finish."*  
- WK, Wine Advocate

*"Crushed morello cherries with crushed violets and dark olives. Juicy and nicely stemmy on the palate with medium to full body and a fluid core of fruit. Fresh, tightly wound, and lengthy finish. Drink now or hold."*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"Tiny production here, because of frost in May, but the wine came out nice and clean, with pretty balance and mouth-feel and plenty of dark fruit and spices. Slightly dry on the finish now but should come around nicely with the élevage."*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"Succulent with such a lovely bright raspberry and red cherry tang on the palate, but not sharp, just so deep, and intense, really driving. This has excellent precision and purity with class on show. I love the flavours, this has concentration no doubt, power, but also poise. It's delicate and refined, graceful on the palate with bright summer berry flavours to the fore and a lift at the end. Really well worked and a joy to drink. From vines located in the lower part of the appellation. They had some frost impact, and the frozen areas didn't produce any grapes so instead of around 30-35,000 bottles, only 10,000 bottles will be put on the market."*  
- GH, Decanter.com

*"Medium-bodied, soft, fresh, energetic, and polished with sweetness to the red fruits and a complicated touch of orange rind and spice in the finish. Drink from 2024-2032."*  
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

*"Medium-bodied, bright, fresh, and crisp, with a core of red plums, raspberries, and red cherries. There is a lot of lift and freshness to the fruits on the palate and in the finish. Blending 90% Merlot with 10% Cabernet Franc, 13.5% ABV. Drink from 2023-2030."*  
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

*"The 2021 Haut-Brisson is a real stand out. Dark cherry, plum, chocolate, licorice and spice all come through this mid-weight yet sumptuous Saint-Émilion. Expressive and vibrant, with terrific balance, Haut-Brisson is pretty hard to resist. It should drink well right out of the gate."*  
- AG, Vinous

*"From vines near Monbousquet and just about all Merlot (there's a splash of Cabernet Franc), the 2021 Château Haut-Brisson is a charming, medium-bodied, absolutely delicious Saint-Emilion that has pure cassis and blue-tinged fruits, some floral and herbal nuances, soft, integrated tannins, and outstanding length. It's another up-front, charming, satisfying Saint-Emilion in the vintage that will benefit from just a year or two and evolve nicely for a decade."*  
- Jeb Dunnuck

**Reviews** *“Managed by the team of Vignoble K, the 2021 Château Haut-Brisson checks in as just about all Merlot (there's 3% Cabernet Franc) that's resting in 35% new French oak. It offers a medium-bodied, fresher, elegant, yet also ripe and textured style as well as notes of cassis, graphite, and chalky minerality. I love its balance, it has ripe tannins, and offers lots to like. Tasted twice.”*

*- Jeb Dunnuck*

*“Dark ruby, opaque core, purple tints at edge of rim. Delicate herbal savouriness, fine nuances of blueberries, a hint of plums, hints of figs, chocolatey notes. Medium-bodied, red cherry fruit, fresh acidity, delicate blackcurrant, lemony touch to the finish; already open and approachable, a gastronomic style.”*

*- PM, Falstaff Magazine*

*“The nose is fruity and reveals some power, spiciness, depth, and a certain straightness. There are notes of boysenberry, pulpy, juicy berries with hints of herbs, black tea, vanilla and a very discreet hint of fresh flowers and black pepper. The palate is fresh, mineral, balanced and offers good definition, juiciness, freshness, energy, volume, and deliciousness. On the palate this wine expresses juicy/pulpy blackberry, raspberry and slightly fresh blueberry notes combined with hints of black tea, aromatic herbs, camphor as well as hints of tonka bean, caramelisation and fine toasted almond. The tannins are well-managed, fine, and mellow. Good length. Nice freshness and a certain purity of fruit, some concentration.”*

*- Vert de Vin*

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