

# Château Haut-Bages Libéral

AOC Pauillac Grand Cru Classé 5th Growth 2020

Château Haut-Bages Libéral, a Grand Cru Classé in 1855, in Pauillac, extends over 30 hectares on clay-limestone gravel soils and deep gravel, and benefits from its direct proximity to the Gironde estuary. This exceptional location contributes greatly to the quality of its terroir. The estuary is both a vector of energy, microclimate, but also biodiversity. Claire Villars-Lurton took over in 2000 and set about in-depth work to restore the estate's reputation. Château Haut-Bages Libéral is certified in Organic and Biodynamic Agriculture.

Critics Notes:

James Suckling: 97/100

Georgina Hindle, Decanter: 96/100



## COUNTRY

France

## **VARIETAL**

78% Cabernet Sauvignon 22% Merlot

#### **SOIL TYPE**

Clay-limestone around the property. Deep gravel on the Bages slopes.

#### **VINEYARD**

30 hectares benefiting from its direct proximity to the Gironde estuary.

#### **HARVEST**

Manuel harvested & sorted

# **VINIFICATION**

Vinification by plot. Maceration with the addition of a neutral gas to stimulate gentle movements. Pumping over of one volume/day. 24 days of maceration. Vertical pressing to provide special care to the presses. 16 months of aging: 40% in new oak, 40% in barrels of one wine and 20% in amphoras.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

Particularly dry and sunny, 2020 is characterized by its energy, brilliance and freshness. Acidity on the length, and a beautiful concentration of red fruits, accompanied by very high-quality tannins and some spicy notes.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**



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