

CHATEAU HAUT-BAILLY

C R U C L A S S É D E G R A V E S

2021

Terre de Vins

Sylvie Tonnaire
05/2022

Premier millésime vinifié dans le nouveau chai. Sa robe lumineuse et veloutée est **une invitation**. Bouquet attirant, gourmand, où s'expriment des cabernets élégants, suffisamment denses, onctueux et savoureux, s'équilibrant entre maturité et nervosité. Délicieux arômes de jacinthe, cachou, prune, café et poivre frais accompagnent une longue finale minérale.

97-98

Anthocyanes

INDEPENDANT PAR NATURE

Yohan Castaing
05/2022

Haut-Bailly est étonnamment charmeur et délicat et se pare, dans ce millésime, d'un charme fou. Des notes de violette, de mure, de myrtille, de fruits frais noirs et une touche de réglisse/fusain. Sapide et velouté en bouche, très beaux tanins, une bouche sur l'allonge avec un grain d'une très grande précision. Finale légèrement structurante, ce qui sera gommé pendant les élevages, pour un vin d'une très grande race.

Un Haut-Bailly très identitaire qui vieillira à merveille pendant 20 à 30 ans.

95-97

VINOUS

Neal Martin
05/2022

The 2021 Haut-Bailly is built around 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, the blend employing less Merlot and more Petit Verdot this year since the latter was not affected by frost. It was picked between September 27 and October 11 and matured in 50% new oak with 10% vin de presse. Allowed to open in the glass, it unfurls to reveal blackberry, briar, touches of crushed stone and cedar. The taut, fresh palate is medium-bodied with sappy black fruit and fine acidity. This is back to the older style of Haut-Bailly in some ways; less opulent, **in keeping with the style of the vintage**, and delivering good weight on the finish, even if there is not the persistent aftertaste of previous vintages. The great virtue of this Haut-Bailly is the **sapidity** that marks the conclusion. The kind of Pessac-Léognan that needs to be decanted then poured at the dinner table.

93-95



William Kelley
05/2022

A classic in the making, the 2021 Haut-Bailly wafts from the glass with aromas of dark berries and wild plums mingled with sweet spices, loamy soil, raw cocoa and violets. Medium to full-bodied, seamless and concentrated, with bright acids, ultra-refined tannins and a long, penetrating finish, it's a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, only 22% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc. With yields of a mere 19 hectoliters per hectare, it's impressively intensely flavored despite its **quintessentially elegant**, classically proportioned profile. In many respects, it may represent the Cabernet-driven modern-day alter ego of the superb Merlot-dominant 1998 Haut-Bailly.

94-95+

VINOUS

Antonio Galloni
05/2022

The 2021 Haut-Bailly is a dark, rather somber wine. The aromatics alone are **captivating**, but there are strong savory inflections from the high percentage of Petit Verdot in this year's blend. This deceptively mid-weight Haut-Bailly has plenty to offer. Spice, leather, tobacco and incense linger. The final blend also includes 10% press wine.

94-96



05/2022

Impresses from the first moment with its enveloping nose, and purity of flavour. **Plenty of estate signature**, with finely grained tannins and creamy black fruit that is concentrated with density through the mid palate but not opulent, delivering cocoa bean, slate, cassis and gunsmoke personality and poise. One of the few where I can really see the comparison to 1996, or perhaps 2000, with firm tannins that are subdued but with clear ageing potential. **An excellent Haut-Bailly**, with a small 19hl/h yield, meaning that in this first year with the new cellar they used just 20 of the smallest size vats (out of 50 in total). Harvest September 27 to October 11. Axel Marhal consultant.

95

Markus del Monego
05/2022

Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Excellent aromatic expression, blackcurrants and blackberries, black cherries in the background, floral hints, violets and wisteria, a wine with precision and freshness. On the palate firm yet ripe and balanced tannins, refined fruit and floral hints, discreet spiciness and subtle oak, **exciting tension** on the palate with **excellent length**.

97

JEB DUNNUCK

06/2022

The 2021 Château Haut-Bailly checks in as 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot, and the rest Cabernet Franc. It's another **elegant, pure, incredibly balanced** wine from this château, offering complex aromatics (cassis, smoked tobacco, spicy wood, and earth), medium body, ripe, supple tannins, and a great finish. Hitting 13% alcohol with a pH of 3.9, this **seamless beauty** will drink nicely right out of the gate yet evolve for 25-30 years.

93-95+

Yves Beck

05/2022

Le terroir a su supplanter les cépages en 2021 et mettre la nature de Haut-Bailly en évidence. Élégante et savante symbiose de cassis et de mûres suivies de notes florales avec des parfums de violettes puis des touches de réglisse. L'attaque se distingue également par son **élégance** avec une touche gourmande puis saline. Le vin a de la **puissance**, de l'expression et des **tannins très précis**, aux grains fins, qui gèrent l'ensemble avec **brio et pertinence**. La structure acide assure la fraîcheur et l'expression aromatique de la finale, mais elle doit encore être quelque peu emballée. L'élevage va se charger de créer l'harmonie pour donner naissance à un Haut-Bailly prêt à défier les années à venir.

95-97

Le Point

Olivier Bompas
05/2022

Nez raffiné, fruité frais, fruits noirs juteux, bouche vive, tannins denses, droits, très chic, feuille froissée, finale droite, sapide, harmonieuse.

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05/2022



Lisa Perrotti-Brown
05/2022

The 2021 Haut-Bailly is a blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot, and 3% Cabernet Franc, harvested from 27 September to 11 October, and aging in 50% new oak. Deep garnet-purple colored, it is a little closed and broody to begin, opening out to offer notes of plum preserves, warm cassis, and black raspberries, plus suggestions of fertile loam, tapenade, tar, and smoked meats. Medium-bodied, the palate has **wonderful tension and energy** with plenty of black fruit layers and a **fine-grained texture**, culminating in a long, lifted finish. This was the first vintage in the new winery, and 50% of the crop went into the grand vin.

92-94+

The Wine Cellar INSIDER

Jeff Leve
05/2022

Initially you notice the blackberries, black plums, and black currants before moving on to the tobacco, flowers, spice, and smoke in the aromatic profile. Supple, refined, and elegant, perhaps the best way to describe the wine is **modern chic**, or **modern classic** if you prefer. The tannins are **soft and polished**, and the fruit is **pure, clean, and fresh**, with a salty, mildly-chalky, **supple** endnote. Although it is going to probably always be a bit reticent in character, you will be able to approach and enjoy this wine in its youth, as well as age it for more complexity. The wine blends 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc. The blend represents the highest percentage of Petit Verdot in the history of the estate. 13% ABV, pH 3.9. The harvest took place September 27 to October 11. The Grand Vin was produced from 50% of the harvest. is the first vintage produced in their new, state-of-the-art cellars. Drink from 2025-2055.

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LesEchos

LE BOURGEOIS DE L'ÉCONOMIE

Yohan Castaing
06/2022

Un peu comme d'autres, Haut-Bailly gomme sa pointe d'austérité habituelle par un charme fou dans un millésime plutôt racinaire. Sans doute, **l'assurance des grands terroirs**. Sapide, velouté, grain de tannin d'une précision redoutable, ce 2021 impressionne. Bravo !

95-97

05/2022

Lots of graphite and crushed-stone character with redcurrants and pine needles. Medium body with silky and layered tannins. Pretty balance and elegance. 65% cabernet sauvignon, 22% merlot, 10% petit verdot and 3% cabernet franc.

95-96



Lin Liu MW
05/2022

跟往年的“经典”相比，显得有些叛逆。也许是 10% 的小维多高于往年常规的 3-4%，带来一些额外的香辛料，且收尾的单宁质地也不太同于往常，有些嚼着甘草条的感觉。集中度上佳，中段是丰富的黑色浆果，咸鲜收尾，酸度飘逸，收尾较长。

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05/2022

There is an extra boost of Cabernet Sauvignon in 2021 Haut-Bailly and Petit Verdot handled the various climatic challenges extremely well, and so these two grapes form the tremendous base of this wine. Sensual Merlot dresses the core of fruit, and Cabernet Franc adds an irresistible fragrance to this beautiful being. This is a **thrilling Haut-Bailly**, and it possesses one of the longest and most evenly balanced flavours I have tasted from this property. The acid and tannin refinement is on another level, and these components extend the finish, drawing it out to profound proportions. At every step of the way, **the levels of refinement set new quality and sophistication bars for this Château**. While it is clear that the viti and vini teams have instinctively pulled a rabbit out of the hat this year, the new winery, with its extraordinary design and enviable technological capabilities, has enabled Véronique Sanders and her colleagues to perform at the highest level. **2021 Haut-Bailly captures more of the essence of this property than ever before**. This is all one can ask from a bottle of wine, and achieving this in 2021 is nothing short of a miracle.

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Ella Lister et Béatrice Delamotte
06/2022

Une base intense et douce de fruits mûrs, qui renferme une sorte d'énergie crépitante, des notes raffinées de fruits bleus et de fleurs délicates. La bouche se dévoile, fraîche et caressante, avant une éruption croissante de fruits très intense et dense. Il allie fraîcheur et puissance, avec des tanins de soie texturés typiques de Haut-Bailly. Impressionnant.

95-97

05/2022

Couleur sombre et pourpre. Nez intense, fin, fruité, pur et subtil. Bouche **à la texture minutieuse**, au corps fondant, à la fois présent, délicat et aérien. Le vin offre un déroulé **tout en douceur**, vers une belle **finale sèveuse et parfumée**. Assemblage : 65 % cabernet sauvignon, 22 % merlot, 10 % petit verdot, 3 % cabernet franc. Degré d'alcool : 13° - pH : 3,87. Rendement : 19 hl/ha. Sélection : 50 % de premier vin. Vendanges du 27 septembre au 11 octobre.

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Panos Kakaviatos
05/2022

The best Graves red from barrel among those tasted (I missed the Clarence Dillon properties and Les Carmes Haut Brion). Tannic finesse, rather sumptuous ripeness and impressive acidity/tannin balance (so important in this vintage) make the cut. The success in this blend of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc is **testimony to the talented team and to the new cellars inaugurated for this vintage**. Warmer, gravel soils in the cooler summer worked well, as pickers waited to 12 October for as much ripeness as possible. Alcohol is 13% and aging in 50% new oak. Let's see how it tastes from bottle!

95-96+



05/2022

The grand vin is 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot and 3% Cabernet Franc, all picked between September 27th and October 11th. It takes 50% of the crop. It was of course vinified in the estate's beautiful new cellars. The aromatic profile moves on from the delicate red fruits of the second wine to show more concentration, with darker red fruits smoked with traces of leather and toasted tobacco. The palate is supple, nicely polished, with a medium-bodied elegance, a lightly silky and sinewy substance, very precisely delineated, with a supple blanket of red cherry and perfumed red fruits. This feels quite **classically poised, with more tension and elegance than many of its peers** display in this vintage. Long, lightly toasted, and charming. The alcohol is 12.96%. 92-94/100

92-94

**bettane +
desseave**

05/2022

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WEINWISSER

05/2022

65 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 22 % Merlot, 10 % Petit Verdot, 3 % Cabernet Franc, 19 hl/ha. Ergreifendes Parfüm, frischgepflückte rote Johannisbeere, Himbeergelée, getrockneter Thymian, heller Tabak und Hibiskus. Am komplexen Gaumen mit seidiger Textur, balancierter Rasse und engmaschigem Tanningerüst - ein Modellathlet. Im konzentrierten, energiegeladenen Finale mit edler roter Cassiswürze, weißem Pfeffer und langem Rückaroma! Den Jahrgang beschreibt Véronique Sanders kurz und knapp: «Very chic!» 2028-2053

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Barbara Schroeder
06/2022

Sehr zurückhaltende, aber edle; ungemein reintönige Aromatik; unglaublicher Fruchtausdruck schon im Ansatz, entwickelt gemächlich Dichte, Rasse und Fülle dank erstklassigem Tannin, grosse Länge; unglaublicher Wein, der lange reifen kann, aber auch schon recht jung Freude bereiten wrd.

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Roger Voss
06/2022

This is a very aromatic, precise wine. Ripe fruits and density are balanced by the wine's freshness and acidity. It has structure that brings out creamy tannins to balance the succulent black fruit flavors.

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