

CHATEAU HAUT-BAILLY

CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES

2021

MINDFUL

The 2021 vintage has come a long way. Throughout the year, extreme weather conditions have tested our know-how and professionalism. Never before have we been so close to nature... 2021 is a vintage of hard work and humility.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

A mild and rainy winter generated an early bud break (end of March for the Merlot and around April 5th - 10th for the Cabernets), which a cold spring came to threaten.

Vineyards all over France will remember the terrible month of April 2021 during which black frosts devastated many harvests. Although our anti-frost towers were efficient in protecting plots during the ten days of high risk, the nights of April 6th to 8th proved to be fatal in certain areas exposed to the north wind.

Despite hot and dry flowering conditions at the end of May - the deluges of spring (equivalent to two and a half months of rain in June) caused coulure and millerandage - the Cabernets fared better than the Merlots. And we fought valiantly against the level of mildew which was similar to that of 2018 and 2020.

But we were lucky in the final stretch: summer set in from mid-August onwards, and in September and October the forecasted rains never came...

HARVEST

This is the first harvest to be vinified in our new winery, a true architectural creation perfectly tailored to the exceptional terroir of Haut-Bailly. 2021 opens another chapter in the history of Haut-Bailly: the cold rooms, the harvest carts, the contemporary vats adapted to the parcels of land, allow for precise, hand-crafted work, in great serenity.

The harvest was particularly late: we started on September 27th with the Merlots and finished with the Cabernets on October 12th.

WINES

The Merlots are soft and fruity. The Cabernets are dense, have good colour, are full-bodied and structured. The yields are very limited. The wines have a good balance, a structure for ageing, and elegant tannins.

A winemaker's vintage for which our new facilities have made an undeniable contribution to the pursuit of quality. 2021 tested our technical and human limits to surpass the adversity of Nature, but we were determined to rise to the challenge!

Harvest dates : September 27th to October 11th

Blend Château Haut-Bailly 2021 :
65 % Cabernet Sauvignon
22 % Merlot
10 % Petit Verdot
3 % Cabernet Franc

Blend Haut-Bailly•II 2021 :
70 % Merlot
25 % Cabernet Sauvignon
3 % Cabernet Franc
2% Petit Verdot