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SCORES - 2006

31/05/2016 Wine Advocate (Neal Martin) : 94 / 100



Tasted at Bordeaux Index's annual 10-Year On tasting in London. The 2006 Château La Mission Haut-Brion has a very attractive, captivating bouquet: red berry fruit, warm gravel, Hoisin and a pinch of truffle all beautifully conveyed. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin that lend this La Mission such symmetry and detail. It is not a powerful wine, never pressing its foot down hard on the accelerator, but that is one of its strengths, and those black truffle and mineral notes surfacing towards the poised finish are entrancing. Classic from start to finish, the only facet that is missing is that peacock's tail on the finish. Tasted January 2016.

31/08/2012 Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) : 94 / 100



A somewhat under-the-radar La Mission, the 2006 was generally overlooked following the brilliance of the 2005. A young, dense purple-hued wine that is developing beautifully, it exhibits notes of Asian plum sauce, charcoal, barbecue smoke, roasted meats, graphite and background oak. Full-bodied with good acidity, moderate tannin and a vigorous, powerful youthfulness, the 2006 will age more quickly than the 2005, but it still requires another 5-8 years of cellaring. Anticipated Maturity: 2014-2035.

28/06/2010 Wein Wisser (René Gabriel) : 18 / 20



Toskanatouch, viel Pflaumen, Rauch. Fleischig, verschlossen

27/01/2010 Jancis Robinson (Jancis Robinson) : 18.50 / 20



Dark and mysterious-looking. Aromatic and very sweet on the front palate with some spice and minerals. Very distinctive and ambitious. Super lively. Lots tucked in there. Very impressive. Drink 2015-2030

31/03/2009 Wine Spectator : 95 / 100



Almost jammy, with vanilla bean and coffee undertones. Full-bodied and very powerful, with big, juicy tannins and a long finish. Very big and generous for the vintage, showing exceptional quality. Best after 2015. 6,000 cases made. -JS

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SCORES - 2006

1/02/2009 Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) : 95 / 100



One of the vintage-s top wines is the 2006 La Mission-Haut-Brion. From bottle, it reminds me of the 1998, given its structure and backward style. Dense ruby/purple-colored, it possesses a boatload of tannin, but with coaxing, tobacco leaf, sweet black currant, burning ember, and blue fruit characteristics emerge. While thick and full-bodied, the tannins seem more elevated than I remember from barrel. It is going to be a beauty, but like many of the top 2006s, considerable patience is required. Only 55% of the production made it into the grand vin as Jean-Philippe Delmas made a severe selection. The final blend was 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, and the 2006 has one of the highest natural alcohols ever achieved at La Mission, averaging around 14.3%, which is astonishingly high for a Graves. Anticipated maturity: 2018-2035.

30/06/2008 Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Stephen Tanzer) : 94-96 / 100



(a relatively high 14.3% alcohol) Saturated ruby-red. Knockout nose melds black plum, minerals, hot stones, tobacco and caramel. Lush, sweet and stuffed with fruit; a round, utterly seamless wine that offers superb palate coverage and an impressive mounting finish featuring sweet, fine-grained tannins and wonderful fullness of texture. This is remarkably explosive today considering that the 2006s here have recently been fined. Interestingly, enologist Jean-Philippe Masclet noted that the pHs of La Mission and Haut-Brion were higher in 2006 than in either 2007 or 2005-a testament to the advantages of the warm microclimate here and the ability to pick ripe fruit early. Even better than I thought it was a year ago.

5/07/2007 La Revue du Vin de France : 17-18 / 20



La Mission se différencie de son voisin Haut Brion par un style plus flamboyant et par un côté légèrement décadent. Elaboré avec 59% de merlot, ce vin se montre très riche et opulent en bouche, avec ses notes intenses de fruits noirs et de réglisse. On perçoit cependant une petite chauffe en finale, témoin de la très grande maturité des merlots et de leur degré alcoolique important.

30/06/2007 Decanter Magazine : 18,5 / 20



Dense, inky purple/ruby. fresh, blackcurrant and cherry-scented nose, with hints of coffee and spice. A weight of rich, crunchy fruit and fine-grained mouthfilling tannins. Very good. Lovely balance and weight. Elegant, fine, delicious. 2007-37

24/05/2007 Le Point (Jacques Dupont) : 17,5 / 20



Fruits rouges, nez très charmeur et très pur, bouche ronde, élégante, tanins fermes, structure solide, un fruit très enjôleur, un vin avec beaucoup de charme reposant sur une bonne texture.

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SCORES - 2006

24/05/2007 Falstaff : 92-94 / 100



Tiefdunkles Rubingranat, jugendliche Reflexe, violetter Rand. In der Nase konzentrierte dunkle Beerenfrucht, zart rauchig, mineralische Noten, feine tabakige Anklänge. Am Gaumen sehr stoffig, extraktsüße Kirschenfrucht, perfekte, seidige Tannine, salzige Extrakte im Nachhall, feiner Bitterschokotouch, sehr elegant und lange anhaften, tolles Potenzial, reicht fast an den Vorgänger heran. Sicher einer der Jahrgangsbesten. Vermittelt großen Charme.

7/05/2007 Wein Wisser (René Gabriel) : 18 / 20



2015-2030. Recht dunkles Granat mit violetten und purpurnen Reflexen. Nobles, fein rauchiges Bouquet, viel Lakritze, Brombeeren und Brombeerstauden, schwarze Hölzer, kühl wirkend, aber einen doch fast ausgereiften Cabernet zeigend. Im Gaumen viel Saft, deshalb anfänglich etwas leicht erscheinend, im Innern eine recht ungestüme Säure mit sanft metallischer Verbindung, dieselbe kapselige Note aufweisend wie schon der Zweitwein, trotz einer ersten Spontanität sehr reserviert wirkend, eher hart und pelzig in der Textur, momentan eher vordergründig und ziemlich bourgeois. Alles andere als ein Charmeur, also ein typischer Mission eher artisanalen Stil, an den 1986er erinnernd.

3/05/2007 Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) : 96-100 / 100



This superb effort rivals La Mission's 2005. There are 6,000 cases of the 2006, and general manager Jean-Philippe Delmas told me that the Merlot came in at a natural alcohol that exceeded 15%. The final alcohol is a whopping 14.3%, the pH is 3.8, and the blend is 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon. This utterly profound, exceptionally rich, full-bodied, thick La Mission is undeniably one of the candidates for the "wine of the vintage." It possesses a dense ruby/purple color followed by sweet blue and black fruit notes intertwined with notions of burning embers and flowers. Unctuous, massively fruity, and thick, this is a great La Mission! Anticipated maturity: 2012-2035+. With the elimination of La Tour-Haut-Brion from the Dillon estate's portfolio, the production of La Mission's second wine, La Chapelle de la Mission, has dramatically increased to 4,000 cases. I rated the 2006 La Chapelle de la Mission (89-90).

1/05/2007 Wine Advocate (Neal Martin) : 92-94 / 100



Tasted at Haut Brion. Picked at 43hl/ha (44ha/hl for the 2005). Deep black/purple colour. The nose has good intensity with blueberry, raspberry, a touch of sea salt. Good definition, no greenness. Good lift. Full-bodied, grippy tannins, very solid and cohesive. Fine acidity, a real mass of black fruits, infused with black olives. Very tight, very focused, this is not a flamboyant La Mission, it does not have the persistency of a truly great vintage like the 1989 or indeed 2005, but there is a wonderful purity and beguiling reserve. Very harmonious, minerally finish. It needs a year in bottle for its true pedigree to show.

30/04/2007 TAST : 18 / 20



Malgré la similitude de note, voici un vin très différent de Haut-Brion, plus immédiatement accessible, suave, velouté et doté d'une persistance impressionnante. Le cadastre du cru a désormais été agrandi par celui de La Tour Haut-Brion qui, désormais, disparaît de la production des domaines Dillon.

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SCORES - 2006

30/04/2007 **Vinum : 17 / 20**

Beginnt satt und frisch, zeigt viel raffiniertes, dichtes Tannin, wirkt wuchtig, feurig und doch elegant, endet ohne Bitterkeit. 2014 bis 2022

17/04/2007 **Jancis Robinson (Jancis Robinson) : 17.50 / 20**



Deep crimson with strong purple notes. Fairly mild nose and rather voluptuous palate entry. Very fine tannins but with pretty rigid backbone. A certain velvetiness. Round and fine. But muted. Certainly refreshing but there is a little green streak on the finish. Seems weaker than I would have expected. Too much Tour in here? Opened up in the glass – more aromatic and playful than the Haut-Brion. But lighter and therefore apparently skinnier.

15/04/2007 **Wine Enthusiast : 94-96 / 100**



A smooth rich wine, with delicious, opulent soft fruit. Spice and tobacco along with acidity and great freshness. It is dense and concentrated, but like velvet. —R.V.

29/03/2007 **Wine Spectator (James Suckling) : 95-100 / 100**



This is so perfumed and pretty. Classy and elegant on the nose, with currant, light vanilla and a hint of lilac. Full-bodied, with ultrafine tannins and a long, long finish. All in finesse. Very impressive for the vintage; could be the wine of the vintage.

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Like a lot of wines in this underrated vintage, the 2008 La Mission was one of the great bargains of recent vintages. Its healthy blue/purple color is followed by aromas of blueberries, black raspberries, licorice, truffles, underbrush and forest floor. The scorched earthy/smoky character of this estate's terroir has not yet emerged. Medium to full-bodied and concentrated with good acidity, freshness and delineation, this is a big wine for the vintage, but also very classic in its balance of tannin, acidity and extract. It will benefit from another 5-7 years of cellaring and should keep for three decades. The final blend was 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot and 6% Cabernet Franc.

20/12/2011 Jamsuckling.com (James Suckling) : 93 / 100



Fascinating aromas of crushed berry, plums, sweet tobacco and stones. Full bodied, with chewy and velvety tannins and a long, long finish. This is very structured and rich with a bright and tangy acidity. Needs time to come together, obviously. Try after 2015.

31/05/2011 Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) : 94 / 100



This glorious offering possesses sweet tobacco leaf, black currant, mocha, white chocolate, scorched earth and burning ember-like characteristics. Full-bodied, stunningly rich and exceptionally well-endowed, this blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot and 6% Cabernet Franc demands 2-3 years of additional bottle age. It should age gracefully for 35-40 years.

15/12/2010 Wine Spectator (James Molesworth) : 90 / 100



Tangy and lightly firm, with cherry pit, pomegranate and blackberry notes, followed by sage and tobacco. There's nice focus, with a tarry hint for added length on the finish. Rather tight now, with the edgy feel holding sway, but this should settle into itself nicely enough. Best from 2013 through 2018.-JM

30/06/2009 Falstaff : 91-93 / 100



(43% ME, 53% CS, 6% CF) 13,8% dunkles Rubingranat, jugendliche Reflexe, zarter Wasserrand. In der Nase feine dunkle Beerenfrucht, zart tabakig-blättrig unterwürzt, feine Röstaromen, zarter animalischer Hauch, etwas Pfeffer, vielschichtiges Bukett. Am Gaumen saftig und elegant, angenehme Extraktsüße, die von einem reifen, präsenten Tannin gehalten wird, feine Karamell-Röstaromen im Abgang, perfekt ausgewogen, sehr harmnisch, gutes Entwicklungspotenzial, ein Wein mit Klasse.

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SCORES - 2008

28/05/2009 Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Stephen Tanzer) : 90-92 / 100



(a blend of 51% cabernet sauvignon, 43% merlot and 6% cabernet) Deep ruby. Pretty floral nose combines spicy blackcurrant and smoky plum aromas with a hint of black pepper. Sweet and fairly deep, with brooding, slightly aggressive flavors of dark cherry and blueberry. Finishes with dusty, broad tannins and a note of austerity that I did not find in the young '06 or '07 La Mission. As La Mission's terroir is slightly cooler than Haut-Brion's, a warm August is generally a requirement for success. That was lacking in 2008; on the other hand, the wonderful '06 benefited greatly from heat in August. Similarly, I did not find La Mission's second wine, La Chapelle, up to the level of the past four or five years.

6/05/2009 Wein Wisser (René Gabriel) : 18 / 20



40 % Grand Vin. 51 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 43 % Merlot, 6 % Cabernet Franc. Dunkles Rubin- Granat mit lila Schimmer. Delikates Bouquet, Kirschschaalen, Tabak, zeigt eine wunderschöne florale Note als mitteltiefe Würze. Recht fest und fleischig im Gaumen, zeigt Muskeln, eine gut stützende Säure sowie ziemlich markante Tannine, noch etwas aufräufend in der Textur, Baumnusschalen, im Nachklang mit terroirtypischer Bitternote. Ein männlicher, etwas asketisch wirkender Mission im Stil von 1988 und 1994. 2016 - 2030

30/04/2009 Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) : 94-96 / 100



Another property that is harvested very late (September 23-October 17), the 2008 La Mission-Haut-Brion is a powerful, backward effort that is not yet fully expressing itself. A blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, and 6% Cabernet Franc, it reveals a deep blue/purple hue in addition to sumptuous aromas of melted asphalt, graphite, blueberries, and black currant liqueur. Dense, with high but velvety tannins, top-flight purity, and a full-bodied, backward, formidably endowed style, this beauty seems to be set for a long life. It is difficult to compare 2008 with any other recent vintage, but the closest would probably be 1998. A La Mission made for four decades or more of cellaring, it is a top-notch effort that should improve during the élevage in barrel. 94-96+

29/04/2009 La Revue du Vin de France : 17,5-18,5 / 20



La mission qui semble d'habitude toujours plus "body-buildée" que Haut-Brion, se range cette année du côté du raffinement. Nez très élégant, largement fruité, tout comme la bouche ample, dense, offrant une texture pleine et une grande fraîcheur. Une mission superbe et subtile.

23/04/2009 TAST : 18 / 20



Réussite stylistique comparable, on s'y attend, à celle de Haut-Brion, ensemble ultra classique, un rien plus moelleux et sensuel dans les sensations tactiles, un rien moins strict et autoritaire dans la finale. Les amateurs de Pessac vont se l'arracher ! Le second vin, Chapelle, malgré toutes ses qualités, ne peut se comparer en rectitude et en vinosité à Clarence.

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22/04/2009 Wine Advocate (Neal Martin) : 92-94 / 100



A blend of 43% Merlot, 51% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Cabernet Franc. This is more conservative on the nose than the Chateau Haut-Brion, but with time it begins to unfurl (at least ten minutes in the glass.) Blackberry, cedar, a touch of sandalwood – very tight, but it begins to blossom, developing hints of boysenberry and wild nettle. The palate is like a tight fist, austere and introverted, a moody bugger but there are some very fine tannins and structure towards the finish. A dark horse. Tasted April 2009. 92-94+

21/04/2009 Jancis Robinson (Jancis Robinson) : 18 / 20



Dark crimson. Lightly fragrant with a hint of tea leaves. Now this is elegant! But it's rather different from old La Missions. Much more polished and suave. Once this puts on weight it should come into better balance. At the moment it's perhaps just a little too light, but is certainly marvellously pure and has a wonderful line along the palate. Drink 2015-29

15/04/2009 Decanter Magazine (Steven Spurrier) : 18 / 20



Dense plummy red, elegantly concentrated nose with briary spice, fine density of fruit with firm precision and classic La Mission concentration. Drink 2019-35.

6/04/2009 Wine Spectator (James Suckling) : 91-94 / 100



Bright and perfumed, with mineral, hot stone, fresh currant and blackberry on the nose. Full-bodied, with firm, silky tannins and a long, caressing finish. Layered, chewy and structured. Solid for the vintage.

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Tasted at Farr Vintner's La Mission dinner. The 2009 Chateau La Mission Haut-Brion continues to impress. Here it has a sweet and generous bouquet than is just as generous and as opulent as back in January: billowing aromas of liquorice, blackberry and iodine. The palate is full-bodied and feels very plush in the mouth, perhaps just a touch more savory than I was expecting but still utterly compelling. Watch this flex its muscles in years to come. Tasted November 2013.

1/01/2013 **Wine Advocate (Neal Martin) : 96 / 100**



Served blind at the Southwold 2009 tasting. The La Mission Haut-Brion '09 has an opulent bouquet, a lot of glycerine - opulent and sensual. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent ripe tannins. Good concentration here with fine depth, a lot of sweet black spicy fruit with a tingling, umami like pepperiness towards the rounded, generous finish. This is voluptuous and irresistible. Tasted January 2013.

31/08/2012 **Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) : 100 / 100**



The 2009 was not part of this vertical tasting, so I am repeating the tasting note published in issue #199 of The Wine Advocate from a tasting done in January, 2012. A candidate for the wine of the vintage, the 2009 La Mission-Haut-Brion stood out as one of the most exceptional young wines I had ever tasted from barrel, and its greatness has been confirmed in the bottle. A remarkable effort from the Dillon family, this is another large-scaled La Mission that tips the scales at 15% alcohol. A blend of equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot (47% of each) and the rest Cabernet Franc, it exhibits an opaque purple color as well as a magnificent bouquet of truffles, scorched earth, blackberry and blueberry liqueur, subtle smoke and spring flowers. The wine's remarkable concentration offers up an unctuous/viscous texture, a skyscraper-like mouthfeel, sweet, sumptuous, nearly over-the-top flavors and massive density. Perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime La Mission-Haut-Brion, the 2009 will take its place alongside the many great wines made here since the early 1920s. The good news is that there are nearly 6,000 cases of the 2009. It should last for 50-75+ years. Given the wine's unctuousity and sweetness of the tannin, I would have no problem drinking it in about 5-6 years. The final blend was 47% Merlot, 47% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Cabernet Franc.

31/07/2012 **Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Stephen Tanzer) : 97 / 100**



Bright, deep ruby. Brooding, complex cabernet sauvignon-dominated nose of uncommon depth, offering notes of cassis, cigar box, minerals, cedar and dry herbs. Extremely pure and fresh, with massive but still totally unevolved flavors of blackcurrant, dark plum and minerals. I love this wine's impeccable balance and smooth, tactile finish. A monumental La Mission with outstanding persistence. 97 (+?) points

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15/02/2012 JamesSuckling.com (James Suckling) : 98 / 100



What a gorgeous nose of ripe dark fruits such as bramble berries, blueberries and currants, with hints of orange flowers. This is so tight and focused, with laser-guided tannins. It starts very slowly and then builds and builds and builds on the palate. Currants and blackberries galore, yet a tangy, firm and creamy textured tannin structure. Racy, muscular structure. Try in 2021.

11/01/2012 Wine Spectator (James Molesworth) : 96 / 100



This is forcefully rendered, with dark tar, espresso and chocolate up front, backed by dense layers of fig sauce, currant reduction and smoldering black tea leaves. There's dense flesh and great drive on the finish, with has serious grip. Best from 2016 through 2035.-J.M

30/06/2010 Le Figaro (Bernard Burtschy) : 94-96 / 100



Robe très sombre. Nez intense, superbe, cassis, puis un peu animal. En bouche, belle attaque dense, joli moelleux, tannique, petite raideur. 14°7. 50 % petit-verdot, 50 2V, 47 % merlot, 47 % cabernet-sauvignon, 6 % cabernet-franc.

30/06/2010 timatkin.com (Tim Atkin MW) : 96 / 100



14.7% alcohol. 47M, 47CS, 6CF The Cabernet Sauvignon achieved the same potential alcohol as the Merlot in 2009 – hence the unheard of 14.7% alcohol level here. Despite the power, this still has levels of acidity that are more reminiscent of Piedmont than Bordeaux. The oak isn't integrated yet, adding a touch of bitterness to the wine, but the freshness and fruit richness point to an exciting future. 20+ years.

Château La Mission Haut-Brion

SCORES - 2009

30/06/2010 **Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Ian D'Agata) : 93-96 / 100**



(Leognan (47% merlot, 47% cabernet sauvignon and 6% cabernet franc; a selection of 50% of the crop; 14.7% alcohol; pH 3.84; 78 IPT)) Deep ruby. Captivating aromas of strawberry and raspberry complicated by strong mineral and tobacco nuances. Remarkably graceful-almost weightless-in the mouth, with very nice depth to the pure red fruit, cedar and mineral flavors. The perfumed, very long finish features some assertive, youthful tannins that will require at least six or seven years of patience after release. This La Mission is closer in style to the La Chapelle than I recall in recent years (perhaps due to the similar blends), though a noticeable step up in precision and concentration. A great if understated wine, it's also completely different from the '05 La Mission, which contained a whopping 69% merlot.

28/06/2010 **Wein Wisser (René Gabriel) : 19 / 20**



47 % Merlot, 47 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 6 % Cabernet Franc. Extrem dunkles Purpur mit lila und violetten Reflexen. Das kompakte, reservierte Bouquet beginnt kühl, zeigt eine tolle Tiefe mit Trüffel, Zedern und feinen Rauchnoten, dann viel schwarze Beeren und getrocknete Heidelbeeren, insgesamt aber dominiert das Terroir die Frucht. Erhabener, mächtiger Gaumenauftritt, feine Muskeln strukturieren den kompakten Körper, schwarzbeerige Aromen, im massiv konzentrierten Finale dunkles Malz, Dörrbirnen und Korinthen. Eine grosse, mächtige, klassische Mission mit Potenzial für locker 40 Jahre. 2018-2050

31/05/2010 **La Revue du Vin de France : 18-18,5 / 20**



Un petit point de moins qu'Hait Brion, du fait d'un équilibre alcool/tanins moins livresque. On se laissera toutefois aisément conquérir par son côté voluptueux (14,7°) tout en admirant la sévérité de la sélection (50% de grand vin). Puissant et charmeur.

6/05/2010 **Le Point (Jacques Dupont) : 17 / 20**



Réductif, bouche dense épicée, bons tanins volumineux, large, très puissant, long, tannique, des tanins assez accrocheurs, beaucoup de saveur, riche en alcool en finale. 47% merlot, 47% cabernet sauvignon, 6% cabernet franc. O=2016 G=20 ans

30/04/2010 **TAST (Bettane & Desseauve) : 18,5 / 20**



Étoffe somptueuse, corps imposant mais tannin comme toujours d'une perfection formelle admirable, avec une séduction dans le fruit et une générosité dans son toucher de bouche qui le rendent plus ouvert et attirant pour beaucoup que Haut-Brion.

30/04/2010 **Wine Advocate (Neal Martin) : 95-97 / 100**



Tasted at the chateau. Delivering a hefty 14.7% alcohol and a pH of 3.84, the '09 La Mission has a beautiful bouquet with wonderful definition, quite feminine with pure blackberry, raspberry, orange-blossom and a touch of pencil lead. Very focused and lifted. The palate is full-bodied with fine tannins, very good structure but extraordinarily tightly coiled, ready to spring into life in 10-15 years. Hints of tobacco and espresso towards the finish that has a gentle but insistent tannic grip. Saline finish. Excellent. Tasted April 2010.

Château La Mission Haut-Brion

SCORES - 2009

30/04/2010 **Falstaff (Peter Moser) : 97-99 / 100**



Konzentrierte reife Zwetschkenfrucht, süße Kirschen, feiner Nougat, Honiganklänge, vielschichtig. Ungemein komplex, mächtige, reife Tannine, süße Frucht, intensive Röstaromen, zeigt eine sehr gute Länge, sehr mineralisch, Vin de Garde.

28/04/2010 **Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) : 98-100 / 100**



La Mission Haut-Brion has made so many great wines over the last 100 years, it would be stupid to say the 2009 somehow exceeds this estate's great classics, such as 1929, 1945, 1949, 1953, 1955, 1959, 1961, 1982, 1989, 1990, 1998, 2000, or 2005. Certainly it will take its place in the pantheon of all the great La Mission Haut-Brions ever made. There are 6,000 cases of it, made from a blend of 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 47% Merlot, and 6% Cabernet Franc. The natural alcohol hit 14.7%, which far exceeds the perfect wines of 1982, 1989 and 1990. Opaque purple in color, with an extraordinary nose of blueberry liqueur intermixed with camphor, charcoal, hints of burning embers and truffles, and loads of black berry and black currant fruit, the wine has sublime concentration and purity, a finish that goes well past 60 seconds, and not a hard edge to be found in this sumptuous, almost over-the-top, full-bodied wine of enormous power and massive density and richness. An immortal effort, it should drink well for 50-100 years! (Tasted once.) Harvest started around September 9 at La Mission Haut-Brion, and finished almost a month later, on October 6. To get an idea of just how extraordinary all the wines from the Dillon family are in 2009, just consider how phenomenal the second wines are. Drink 2010-2110.

28/04/2010 **Periodic Review of Wine (Alan Duran) : 95-97 / 100**

This is a big wine of great proportions! The noteworthy La Mission's saturated ruby/purple color is accompanied by fabulous perfumes of spring flower, crushed-stone, blackberries, crème de cassis, and graphite dust. The palate is one of extravagantly concentrated fruit, a full-body, density, gorgeous purity, wet-stone flavor infused with plum liqueur, and blackberry. Apart from its more apparent characteristics, it boasts some sensational ripeness, a precise mouth-feel, and long flavors. This is another 2006 in the making! Maturity period 2017-2042

26/04/2010 **Anthony Rose (Anthony Rose) : 96-98 / 100**

A blend of 47% merlot, 47% cabernet sauvignon and 6% cabernet franc, a yield of 47 hl / ha. with 6000 cases in 2009 compared to 5300 in 2008 and 5000 in 2005, 50% of production was grand vin. 14.7% alcohol (!). Deep vivid colour, more 'elegant' than the Haut Brion if that's the word. Fine nose still quite dark and brooding, lovely dark fruits sweetness with quite firm, muscular grip and substantial damsony nip of fresh acidity; much greater concentration and density than the La Chapelle, the tannins continue along a line and becoming more supple and melting in the mouth, all the while as the dark fruits retain their freshness, and even delicacy of texture, with oak contributing to a touch of dryness on the back palate, yet becomes sweeter and fleshier in the mouth. Not the easiest to taste (well its is 9.30 am and we've just been held up for an hour on the rocade) but I have a feeling this could be great. 96-98+

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SCORES - 2009

9/04/2010 Wine Spectator (James Suckling) : 94-97 / 100



Shows juicy aromas of ripe Cabernet Sauvignon and currant, with hints of forest fruits and sandalwood. Full-bodied, offering chewy, mouthcoating tannins that are fruit-coated and velvety. Dense and powerful. A little subdued. Could be better than I think

7/04/2010 Jancis Robinson (Jancis Robinson) : 18 / 20



50% of the crop went into this. The alcohol level was 14.2% in 2005 with lots of plump Merlot boosting it but in 2009 the blend is 47% Merlot, 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc and the alcohol level is a record 14.7%. Dark crimson. Scented, pretty, rather haunting aroma. Very rich and caressing – lovely texture. Still very firm and dry. The house signature of those warm bricks even in the super-ripe, super-imposing vintage of 2009! Lovely glow, and quite a bit alcohol on the end, but definitely no sweetness. SO different from the norm on the right bank... Almost inky finish. Seems very Cabernet to me. Fades just a little fast. 14.7% Drink 2020-2040

Château La Mission Haut-Brion



PESSAC-LEOGNAN, BORDEAUX

Millésime 2010

Domein: Château La Mission Haut-Brion

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Oppervlakte: 29 ha

Druivensoorten: 37% Merlot
62% Cabernet Sauvignon
1% Cabernet Franc

Bodem: klei- en zandbodem

**Dichtheid van de
beplanting:** 10 000/ha

**Gemiddelde leeftijd
van de beplanting:** 19 jaar

Vinificatie:
Oogst vond plaats tussen 8 september en 8 oktober.

Rijping:
18 à 22 maand op houten vaten waarvan 100% nieuw.

Alcoholgehalte: 15%

Beschikbare volumes: 0,75L

Verpakking: Caisse Bois 12

Château La Mission Haut-Brion



APPELLATION

Millésime 2010

Domaine:

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Superficie: 29 ha

Cépages: 37% Merlot
62% Cabernet Sauvignon
1% Cabernet Franc

Sol: argilo-sableux

Densité de la plantation: 10 000/ha

Âge Moyen des vignes: 19 jaar

Vinification:

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Elevage:

18 à 22 mois dans 100% de bois neuf.

Taux d'alcool: 15%

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Château La Mission Haut-Brion



SCORES - 2010

31/08/2013

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Stephen Tanzer) : 98 / 100

Stephen
Tanzer

Deep, saturated ruby-red. Sweet, brooding aromas of cassis, coffee, minerals and licorice. Superconcentrated, voluptuous and seamless, with outstanding density of fruit and noteworthy precision to the compellingly sweet dark berry and mineral flavors. The broad, ripely tannic finish features extraordinary length and lingering violet and flint flavors. The best young La Mission I remember tasting at a similar stage of development. This is one of my three or four top wines of the vintage. 98 (+?) points

31/03/2013

Wine Spectator (James Molesworth) : 97 / 100

Wine
Spectator

Intense and engaging. Despite showing lots of heft and tarry grip, the singed apple wood and alder notes are well-defined in this red, accentuating a core of roasted fig, blackberry coulis and macerated red and black currant fruit. The long, bramble-edged finish sports showy ganache and Lapsang souchong tea notes, while the structure refuses to yield until everything has finally played out. Muscular and vivacious. Best from 2019 through 2040. –JM

1/03/2013

Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) : 98 / 100

PARKER

A strong candidate for a perfect score in about 15 years, the 2010 La Mission Haut-Brion could well turn out to be a modern-day version of their 1955. Sadly (or maybe fortunately) for me, I'm not old enough to have tasted the 1955 in 1958 from bottle, but this wine could also be an update on the more modern 2000 which, of course, I know well and actually own. This full-bodied, colossal giant of a wine is one of the goliaths of the vintage. It may well have the highest level of natural alcohol for any wine from the Left Bank of Bordeaux (15.1%) and has the definite potential to be a 50- to 75-year wine. Dense purple, it offers up notes of lead pencil shavings, charcoal embers, blueberry and blackberry liqueur along with massive concentration, a multi-dimensional mouthfeel and a monumental finish that goes well past a minute, which I think might be a record for a young Bordeaux. Keep in mind that the 2009, which I gave three digits, came in at 14.7%, but the pH of the 2010 is lower, giving the wine a freshness and precision that is remarkable. The final blend was 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, and – unlike the Chapelle de la Mission, which has 26% Cabernet Franc – there's only 1% Cabernet Franc in the 2010 La Mission Haut-Brion. This is a wine for those of you with youth on your side as well as patience. It will need a good decade of cellaring. An amazing wine. Anticipated maturity: 2024-2075+.

11/02/2013

Wine Advocate (Neal Martin) : 94 / 100



Tasted at Chateau Haut Brion. The La Mission has a far more extrovert bouquet compared to the Haut Brion, with fresh, vibrant, gregarious scents of black cherries, mulberry, cassis and vanilla with fine delineation and warmth of alcohol that packs a punch at 15.1%. The palate is medium-bodied with rounded, supple tannins. It is far more expressive than the Haut-Brion at the moment, showing ample dark berries, dark plum and a touch of cedar. This is a powerful, burly, sensual, buxom La Mission but one has to ask, are those the characteristics you expect or desire from an estate that produced so many ethereal wines over the years? Personally I prefer the more sophisticated Haut-Brion. Tasted November 2012

Château La Mission Haut-Brion

SCORES - 2010

3/02/2013

Jamessuckling.com (James Suckling) : 100 / 100



This is crazy. The nose is so unique with the iodine, stones and currant aromas with wet earth and mushroom. Aromas like this don't usually come out until 10 years or so in the bottle. Classic nose for this estate. Full-bodied, with an amazing palate of firm yet polished tannins and a solid palate. So dense and gorgeous. It is really stunning. Try in 2020.

31/08/2012

Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) : 98-100 / 100



The 2010 was not part of this vertical, so I am repeating my barrel tasting note published in issue #194 of The Wine Advocate. The wine will be tasted from bottle within the next six months. One of the most powerful La Missions ever produced, the 2010, a blend of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc, achieved 15% natural alcohol (even higher than the 2009's 14.7%). Nevertheless, the pH is normal which gives the wine an extraordinary precision, freshness and vibrancy despite its massive size. A blue/purple color is followed by a classic nose of blueberry liqueur, creme de cassis, spring flowers and crushed rocks. This monumental, full-bodied, incredibly rich La Mission-Haut-Brion will need a decade of cellaring and should last for 40-50 years. It is slightly fatter and creamier than its sibling rival, the 2010 Chateau Haut-Brion.

31/05/2011

Wein Wisser : 19 / 20



62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc, Ertrag : 43hl/ha. Mitteldunkles Granat mit lila Reflexen. Delikates Bouquet mit nobler Zurückhaltung, Edelhölzer, schwarze Schokolade und feine Tabak-nuancen, etwas Holunder. Schwarze Pflaumen, Lakritze, enorme extraktreich, extrem tiefgründig und schwarzbeerig - noch die war ein Mission als Fassprobe so elegant und feingliedrig! Braucht dennoch viel Zeit, um seine wirkliche Größe zu offenbaren. "Das grosse Paradox vom 2010er Jahrgang ist, dass wir hinsichtlich Zuckergehalt der Trauben, Tanninmenge und Alkoholvolumen schon wieder ein Jahr der Rekorde haben. Wir sind mit der Mission bei 15 Vol-% Alkohol gelandet, ohne dass wir uns über ein Monster beklagen müssten", bemerkte Jean-Philippe Delmas bei unserem besuch. 2023-2050

31/05/2011

Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) : 98-100 / 100



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31/05/2011

Wine Advocate (Neal Martin) : 92-94 / 100



The La Mission Haut-Brion, a blend of 37% Merlot, 62% Cabernet Sauvignon and 1% Cabernet Franc, 3.57pH and knocking in at...15.1% alcohol. It has a wonderful nose with crushed stone, black plum and graphite, with an almost Pauillac-like personality. The palate is medium-bodied and quite structured on the entry, the Cabernet in the driving seat lending cedar and graphite. Linear, strict, brilliant focused with good tension on the finish, you have to give to Jean-Philippe Delmas that the alcohol is cunningly disguised, but on the other hand, how about drinking more the a glass? That remains to be seen, hence my caution. Tasted March 2011. (92-94? points)

Château La Mission Haut-Brion

SCORES - 2010

24/05/2011

Asian Palate (Jeannie Cho Lee MW) : 98-100 / 100



Deep ruby in colour, with a nose of vibrant blackberries, cherries, plums, cedar and lovely floral aromatics, this is a perfect La Mission, with an amazing depth of flavour and very long length. At 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, La Mission is continuing its swing, begun in 2007, away from using a majority of Merlot. This vintage of La Mission is vibrant yet serious and the flavours are layered and complex, resulting in a great expressive wine with the intensity and depth to age for many decades. A real beauty and one of the best La Missions in recent history - much better than the 2009.

12/05/2011

Le Point (Jacques Dupont) : 19-19,5 / 20



Fruits noirs, fermé, bouche onctueuse, douce, bien fondue, joli fruit. Vin tendu, fin, élégant, on sent moins l'alcool que dans la Chapelle, précis, avec des cîtés résine qui complexifie les arômes. O=2020 G=30 ans

30/04/2011

Jamessuckling.com (James Suckling) : 95-96 / 100



This is very perfumed for La Mission with dark berry, light chocolate, flowers, and minerals. Full and silky with fine tannins and a bright and tangy finish. Intense and powerful. Refined. Long.

30/04/2011

TAST (Bettane & Desseauve) : 19,5-20 / 20



Enorme matière, ensemble à la fois monumental et d'un charme fou de texture, tannin magiquement intégré à cette même texture, grande longueur. Un colosse destiné à devenir mythique.

25/04/2011

The Wine Cellar Insider (Jeff Leve) : 95-98 / 100



La Mission Haut Brion, is produced from a blend of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot and a dollop of Cabernet Franc. The wine reached 15.1% natural alcohol with pH levels of 3.67. This picture is very different than what we saw in 2009 which was made from equal parts Merlot and cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Cabernet Franc. 2010 is slightly higher in alcohol as the 2009 reached 14.7. Tasters who go by the numbers might have problems with the wine, but there was no sensation of heat. Everything is in balance. This is a contender for the highest concentration of Cabernet Sauvignon in the history of La Mission Haut Brion. This is due to a combination of the perfect levels of ripeness reached in the Cabernet Sauvignon and the draught plagued Merlot which had problems ripening correctly. . 2010 La Mission Haut Brion explodes with earth, minerals, cassis, burning embers, truffle and blackberry scents. This opens to a dense, concentrated, full bodied, tannic wine. This powerful La Mission Haut Brion is packed with mocha, cassis, blackberry and spice. Stylistically, this is a big, powerful, masculine La Mission Haut Brion that will require serious cellar time. 95-98 Pts.

5/04/2011

Wine Enthusiast (Roger Voss) : 96-98 / 100



Very powerful, concentrated wine with the ripest fruit. Blackberry flavours are supplemented by almost stinging acidity, then mitigated by the velvet tannins. A wine that will age for several decades.-R.V.

Château La Mission Haut-Brion

SCORES - 2010

31/03/2011

Wine Spectator (James Molesworth) : 95-98 / 100



This is loaded, with a torrent of pastis, crushed plum, blueberry and boysenberry fruit, backed by tarry tannins and a long, spice- and graphite-filled finish. Big, but very, very sleek. Highest percentage of Cabernet ever for La Mission (62 percent). Tasted non-blind. —J.M.

Château La Mission Haut-Brion



PESSAC-LEOGNAN, BORDEAUX

Millésime 2011

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Alcoholgehalte: 13,5%

Beschikbare volumes: 0,75L - 1,5L

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1,5L - Caisse Bois 6

Château La Mission Haut-Brion



APPELLATION

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Château La Mission Haut-Brion



SCORES - 2011

31/08/2014 **Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Ian D'Agata) : 91 / 100**



Good full ruby. Expressive aromas of raspberry, strawberry, Asian spices and minerals. Youthfully tight and dry, but already shows noteworthy focus and lift to the youthfully medicinal cherry and floral flavors. This could use a little more generosity on the long finish, but it's an outstanding wine of noteworthy purity.(91(+?) points)

2/05/2014 **Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) : 95 / 100**



The small production (4,150 cases) of 2011 La Mission-Haut-Brion displays the nobility and complexity of this great terroir. Burning embers, scorched earth, blueberry, black currant, licorice and spice aromas jump from the glass of this dense ruby/purple-colored wine. With full body (atypical for a 2011), but no hard edges, this opulent, multidimensional, fleshy, rich, stunningly long, well-balanced La Mission is another great achievement in what has been nearly a century of producing remarkable wines from this hallowed vineyard. The long 2011 should be reasonably mature in another 4-6 years, and last for two decades. It will always be a revelation in a vintage that is unlikely to receive a lot of exciting press. The final blend was 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, and 11% Cabernet Franc. Jean-Philippe Delmas continues to quietly and authoritatively turn out one great wine after another at La Mission-Haut-Brion and Haut-Brion.

19/02/2014 **Jamessuckling.com (James Suckling) : 93 / 100**



A wine with pretty dark-chocolate, berry and currant character. Stones, too. Full body, chewy but polished tannins and a firm finish. Already showing the sea shell and iodine. Needs at least four or five years to soften. Reminds me of the excellent 1978. Try in 2019.

10/02/2014 **Wine Spectator (James Molesworth) : 93 / 100**



This sports a pleasantly grippy edge of briar and cassis bush notes, with a densely layered core of dark fig, blackberry and black currant fruit that should move to the fore soon enough. The long, mesquite-tinged finish has solid grip. Best from 2016 through 2030.

Château La Mission Haut-Brion

SCORES - 2011

31/05/2012 **La Revue du Vin de France : 16-17 / 20**



Jean-Philippe Masclef l'annonce sans détour: "Nous avons vu les cabernets (franc et sauvignon) souffrir comme rarement au printemps, avec des grillures rédhibitoires sur les baies, entraînant des nécroses dans la grappe et des baies qui sont restées vertes! La réussite s'est faite grâce au tri optique et, de façon étonnante, ce sont les parcelles de cabernet les moins exposées au soleil qui ont donné les meilleurs résultats". Il y a donc eu une sélection plus sévère sur le grand vin. La finesse prévaut sur la puissance, tout en gardant une réelle intensité aromatique.

17/05/2012 **Le Point (Jacques Dupont) : 16,5 / 20**



Fruits noirs, mûre, bouche tendue, assez fraîche, vive, nerveuse, tanins accrocheurs, frais, élégant, serré en finale. O= 2017 G= 15 ans

12/05/2012 **Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Ian D'Agata) : 91-94 / 100**



(55% cabernet sauvignon, 34% merlot and 11% cabernet franc; 3.67 pH): Bright, dark ruby-red. Enticing aromas of strawberry, blackcurrant and white pepper, with a strong mineral overlay. Dense and rich but also juicy, with pure mineral and dark berry flavors and a delicately peppery element. The finish is pure and long. This La Mission seems almost too open today, but there's plenty of structure to support its fruit and acidity. Another classic vintage for this property.

30/04/2012 **Decanter.com : 17,5 / 20**



Earthy, even smoky nose, lots of grippy vigour now, richness and depth to come through. Drink 2018-2035.

30/04/2012 **Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) : 93-95 / 100**



The production of the 2011 La Mission-Haut-Brion (55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot and 11% Cabernet Franc) was a tiny 4,100 cases, compared to 6,000 cases in 2009 and 5,100 cases in 2010. The 2011 is a big, sexy, smoky, classic La Mission displaying lots of road tar, graphite, barbecue, meats, mulberry, black currant and blueberry notes. It is full-bodied with sweet tannin as well as an expansive, fleshy style. The harvest was late in 2011 despite the fact that this micro-climate is one of the warmest and most precocious in all of Bordeaux since it is essentially in the city of Bordeaux. This brilliant wine, one of the vintage-s superstars, should drink reasonably well in 3-4 years and keep for 25 or more. I can't say enough good things about the job Jean-Philippe Delmas has done after taking over for his well-known father at La Mission-Haut-Brion and Haut-Brion. As long-time readers know, I am an addict for both of these wines.

30/04/2012 **TAST (Bettane & Desseauve) : 18,5-19 / 20**



Texture particulièrement complète et accomplie pour le millésime, parfaite définition du tanin, grande suite en bouche, vin magnifique d'élégance et de classicisme. Chapelle, le second vin a de la rondeur et du charme mais son rapport qualité-prix ne sera sans doute pas idéal. Clarté en blanc le surpasse largement en intérêt.

Château La Mission Haut-Brion

SCORES - 2011

30/04/2012 TAST (Bettane & Desseauve) : 18-18,5 / 20



La différence avec Clarté se situe au niveau de la générosité de la matière, mais avec les blancs rien n'est si simple : ce qu'on gagne en ampleur de texture ne se traduit pas par un agrément immédiat. Seul le temps justifiera le type de sélection effectué, mais le vin est déjà impressionnant.

30/04/2012 Wein Wisser (René Gabriel) : 18 / 20



55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc. Sattes Purpur-Granat, dicht in der Mitte, lila Si

27/04/2012 The Wine Cellar Insider (Jeff Leve) : 93-95 / 100



Produced from a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33.7% Merlot and 11.3% Cabernet Franc, the wine reached 13.5% Alcohol - Deep ruby in color, the wine offers tobacco, earth, smoke, cassis and coffee with ripe tannins and a classic, bright, fresh and pure crème de cassis finish. This classic styled Pessac Leognan lacks the concentration of the more recent 2009 and 2010 vintages. 93-95 Pts

27/04/2012 Wine Advocate (Neal Martin) : 93-95 / 100



The La Mission is a blend of 33.7% Merlot, 11.3% Cabernet Franc and 55% Cabernet Sauvignon. The nose takes time to coalesce: very classic with ripe blackberry and briary fruit, fine minerality, a hint of black olive and crushed stone. The palate is medium-bodied with tensile tannins. This is an edgy La Mission with crisp acidity, a silver citric thread, dark broody brambly fruit and an almost angular, but very fresh, focused finish. I like the classicism of the 2011. Excellent. Tasted April 2012.

20/04/2012 Jancis Robinson (Julia Harding MW) : 17,5 / 20

Drink 2021-2035 33.7% Merlot, 11.3% Cabernet Franc, 55% Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep dark crimson and elderberry core. Initially a little dusty on the nose, a touch of vanilla. Quite reticent but opens up to spicy dark cherry. Lovely enveloping texture, deep and smooth, so fine you can't feel any grain. Some of that smoky warm brick. Rich and open-armed. (JH) 13.5%

20/04/2012 Asian Palate (Jeannie Cho Lee MW) : 93-96 / 100



Tasted alongside Haut Brion, La Mission stole the stage with its exuberance and expressiveness. The aromatics are complex and enticing with cedar, spices and black tea notes. The wine has cashmere-like tannins and fine texture. All of its elements are finely knit, gorgeously layered and built for long-term ageing. This excellent wine is among my favourites from this challenging vintage.

10/04/2012 Wine Spectator (James Molesworth) : 93-96 / 100



Tightly wound, with a good chalky vibrancy and taut red currant, damson plum and bitter cherry notes that show ample length. Tasted non-blind.—J.M.

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5/04/2012 Wine Enthusiast (Roger Voss) : 93-95 / 100



An impressive wood- and tannin-laden wine, with intense, solid fruit. It's powerful, very dry and complex.
—R.V

1/04/2012 Jamsuckling.com (James Suckling) : 94-95 / 100



What a beautiful nose of Cabernet Sauvignon with currants, berries and hints of dark chocolate. Full and super silky with fine tannins and a very firm and long finish. Very long.

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et-Arroganz, viel Baumnussschalen, mehliges Extrakt, guter Rückhalt und eine verlangende Adstringenz. 2018-2045