

# Château Haut Bergey 2010

CSPC# 102938

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot
<b>Appellation</b>	Pessac-Léognan
<b>Classification</b>	Grand Vin de Bordeaux
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://haut-bergey.fr/index-eng.html">https://haut-bergey.fr/index-eng.html</a>
<b>Sustainability</b>	The vineyard is farmed using only 100% organic and biodynamic techniques. Haut Bergey earned their certification for being organic in 2018.
<b>General Info</b>	<p>In the 15th century the “Seigneur de la Louvière” and the “Seigneur d’Olivier” got to work on the re-parceling of agricultural land and so was born “La maison noble de Pontey” today named Chateau Haut-Bergey. In 1700 Sir Jean-François de Cresse, a member of parliament of Bordeaux, took it over and used it as his permanent residence.</p> <p>By 1772 the estate stretched over 100 hectares of vineyard. A hundred years later, though the vineyard was abandoned and in 1850 a splendid castle was reconstructed, becoming a leisure residence. It was in the middle of the last century the castle returned to the wine growing roots of the past.</p> <p>In March 1991 Sylviane Garcin-Cathiard acquired Chateau Haut-Bergey. Granddaughter of a wine merchant and a successful businesswoman, her approach has always been that of a connoisseur appreciating great wine.</p> <p>It was love at first sight and the promising charm of Chateau Haut-Bergey encouraged her into a large renovation project whilst respecting the former traditions. Commitment to quality is her main principle.</p>
<b>Winemaker</b>	Francois Prouteau
<b>Vintage</b>	<p>If Pessac-Léognan benefitted from the excellent ripening of their Cabernet in 2009, eliminating the touch of greenness often found in lesser vintages, nature paid them an even more advantageous card in 2010: perfect ripening for all red varieties and an extra edge of concentration (though no loss of elegance) from lower yields to allow the châteaux to perform to their maximum.</p> <p>The 2010 wines are ripe and powerful, with racy tannins and acidity for balance. More structure-driven than the opulent 2009, with better definition of fruit; should be very long-lived.</p>
<b>Vineyards</b>	<p>The 28.5 hectares are located in the heart of the village of Leognan, a leading area of Graves region. At the end of the Tertiary era and during the Quaternary the changing meanderings of the Garonne left a large variety of gravel, pebbles and other stones that constitute the complexity of this exceptional ground. In springtime, the temperature of the soil rises constantly. During summertime and especially in September the gravel reflects the absorbed heat onto the bunches of grapes, thus improving the process of ripening.</p> <p>The vineyard of Haut-Bergey is well exposed to the south and south-west on slightly sloping grounds, so ensuring natural drainage. The subsoil is composed of clay and chalk streaked with iron-bearing parts that also contribute to the uniqueness and personality of the wines of HAUT-BERGEY. The vineyard of Chateau Haut-Bergey Comprises 26.5 hectares of red grapes and 2 hectares of white grapes. 54% Cabernet Sauvignon / 46% Merlot</p>
<b>Harvest</b>	The grapes are transported in small boxes of 20 kg in order to avoid them being squeezed or oxidation.
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	<p>Stainless steel tanks of 80 to 120 hl. New French oak barrels: 50% for 16-18 months</p> <p>The preparation of the wine is done in a traditional way: every parcel of vines is separately prepared in small vats of stainless steel or wood with integrated hot and cold regulation. The wine is aged in oak barrels for between 16 to 18 months according to the vintage.</p>
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Chateau Haut Bergey is one of the crown jewels in the collection of exquisite Grand Crus. The exceptional soil consists of clay and gravel washed up from the Pyrenees caused by the meanderings of the Garonne over time which give Chateau Haut Bergey its distinctive character.



**Production** 10,000 cases made  
**Cellaring** Drink 2013-2028  
**Scores/Awards** **92 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2013  
**92-95 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - June 2011  
**92 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #205 - February 2013  
**92-94 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #194 - May 2011  
**93 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - January 2014  
**92 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - November 2012  
**92-94 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - April 2011  
**92-93 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2011  
**91-93 points** - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2011  
**91 points** - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020  
**92 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2013  
**91-93 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2011  
**15 points** - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - June 2011  
**14.5 points** - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - June 2011

**Reviews** *"Offers lush fruit, with dark raspberry and boysenberry notes, good, graphite-laced structure and bright acidity weaving throughout. The long, smoldering finish features an appealing licorice snap and violet profile. Best from 2015 through 2025."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"Seriously ripe, with dense, succulent plum and black currant fruit paste notes, laced with extra spice, anise and tar. This has great drive and cut and is still a bit compact. Seems set for the longer haul. A seriously good showing for this estate. Score Range: 92-95."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"From Helene Garcin, this blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot displays classic tobacco leaf and smoky barbecue notes along with rich black currants and crushed rocks in a medium to full-bodied, seductive, attractively up-front style. Some Asian plum sauce is also noticeable in this complex, evolved and delicious wine, which can be drunk over the next 10-15 years. It is a sleeper of the vintage."*  
- RP, Wine Advocate

*"This estate is well-worth following given the fact that is always a realistic value and in most top vintages an over-achiever as well. Owned by the Garcin family, the 2010 Haut-Bergey (from a vineyard near Haut-Bailly) is composed of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot (unusual for this area). Possessing a deep ruby/purple hue as well as notes of creosote, charcoal, tobacco leaf, black currants and cherries, this sleeper of the vintage is opulent and luscious with a multilayered texture. Surprisingly forward with excellent freshness and depth, no hard edges, and a heady finish, it can be enjoyed over the next 10-12 years."*  
- RP, Wine Advocate

*"Tasted blind at the Southwold Bordeaux 2010 tasting. The Haut-Bergey 2010 has a very concentrated bouquet with dense blackberry, briary, crushed stone and tobacco on the nose that unfolds in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with chewy tannins on the entry. There is a lot of extraction here, but it is in tune with the acidity and the structured finish has plenty of vibrant red fruit and energy to see it through to the long term. Tasted January 2014."*  
- NM, Wine Journal

*"Tasted at the Chateau Barde Haut in Saint Emilion. The 2010 is a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot with around 40 to 45% new oak. The nose is mild-mannered, nicely defined, polite Pessac you might say, with well-behaved blackberry, raspberry and cedar aromas that blossom in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins. It is very classic in style, very well balanced with a fresh and very focused finish. One of the most elegant Haut-Bergey wines to date. Tasted November 2012."*  
- NM, Other Publication

*"Haut-Bergey 2010 has a very attractive bouquet, very pure with blackberry sorbet, raspberry, and wild strawberry. Good definition. The palate is full-bodied with a svelte, silky-smooth texture, good acidity, very harmonious with admirable purity. Caressing on the finish. I think that this has great potential. Tasted April 2011."*

- NM, Other Publication

**Reviews** *"This is a wine that shows lots of chocolate, tobacco, and currants. Full body, with velvety tannins and a long finish. All there. Barrel Sample: 92-93 Points."*

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"A spicy, aromatic wine that shows powerful wood character as well as fruit tannins. The style is dark, firmly tannic, powerful, very dense. Barrel Sample: 90-92 Points."*

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

*"One of the top values from Pessac Leognan offers aromas of espresso, tobacco, black raspberry and smoke. The smooth, soft textures, forward personality and fresh, ripe berries make this already pleasurable to drink, and with some bottle age, it's going to get even better."*

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

*"2010 Haut Bergey Blending 65% Cabernet Sauvignon with 35% Merlot produced a wine filled with licorice, smoke, oak and cassis. This suave, round, soft textured wine ends with earthy, blackberry and coffee."*

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

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