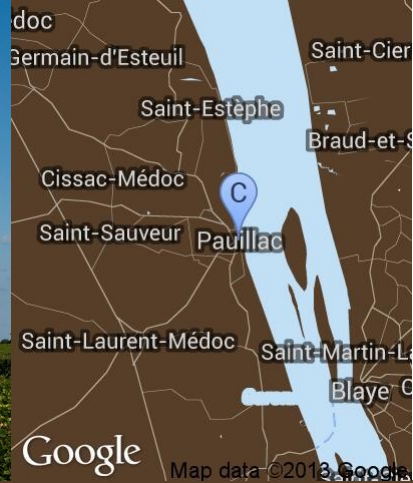




CHÂTEAU HAUT-BAGES LIBÉRAL 2009

PAUILLAC

Cinquième Grand Cru Classé



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The Libéral family founded the estate at the beginning of the 18th century. Generation after generation, they succeeded in forming a vineyard consisting of some of the best soil in Pauillac. Château Haut Bages Libéral was included among the fifth growths in the 1855 classification. Since the arrival of the Villars family in 1983, Haut Bages Libéral has gradually recovered its formal glory. Today, the property is run by Claire Villars Lurton who modernised the winemaking facilities and introduced new, environmentally-friendly methods.

Soil
Clay, Limestone, Gravel

Age of vines (avg.)
35 years

Area
30 ha

Wine making

Traditional in stainless and concrete vats, whose volumes are proportional to the plots. Fermentation on skins: 18 to 24 days

Ageing

In oak barrels during 16 months. 40% of new oak

Blending

Cabernet-sauvignon : 70%

Merlot : 30%

Tasting note

The 2009 vintage has an intense purple red color. The nose is open with lots of black fruit and also red, but also floral notes. The attack is frank. The palate is powerful and has a good balance between freshness, fat and tannin. The finish is long and voluminous. The wine has character. 2009 was a long aging potential and is a great vintage.