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Château La Mission Haut-Brion 2012 Pessac Leognon

Price	£249.00
Code	MISS025

"La Mission is even more impressive than its neighbour and stable mate, Haut-Brion, in 2012. The wine has the second highest proportion of Merlot ever (after 2005) reflecting the vintage conditions. You don't notice the high alcohol here because of the underlying acidity. Leafy, perfumed and complex with structured tannins, cassis, plum and blackberry fruit and remarkable freshness and length. One of the two best Left Bank reds in 2012." Tim Atkin MW

Tasting Notes:

Chateau La Mission Haut-Brion 2012 shows fine depth of colour and has the earthy/Graves nose of La Chapelle but a better expression of fruit, very polished and ripe due to 62% Merlot, but time is needed to dominate the fine but rather firm tannins. Steven Spurrier - Decanter - April 2013



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Specification	
ABV	15%
Size	75cl
Drinking Window	Drink from 2022 through to 2035
Country	France
Region	Bordeaux
Area	Pessac-Léognan
Type	Red Wine
Grape Mix	62% Merlot and 38% Cabernet Sauvignon
Genres	Fine Wine
Vintage	2012
Body	Rich, bold and robust
Producer	Château La Mission Haut-Brion
Producer Overview	Surrounded by the urban sprawl of Bordeaux and facing each other across the street are Châteaus Haut Brion and La Mission Haut Brion. The modern history of Mission Haut Brion dates from 1919 when Frédéric Woltner bought the estate. He, together with his sons, revitalised La Mission, installing the, then, cutting edge technology of temperature-controlled fermentation and restructuring the vineyards. However the next generation of Woltners fell into discord and sold La Mission Haut Brion to Domaine Clarence Dillon SA, owners of Château Haut Brion in 1983, bringing the two neighbours under the same ownership. Since then, La Mission Haut Brion has grown considerably in reputation and ranks among the best château, not only in Pessac-Léognan, but in Bordeaux as a whole. **Read more online**
Closure Type	Cork
Food Matches	Very good matched with beef fillet with porcini and girolle mushrooms.
Press Comments	"The 2012 La Mission Haut-Brion, which represents 41% of the total production, is a blend of 62% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. Lots of tobacco leaf, forest floor, underbrush and red as well as black fruit aromas jump from this aromatic, seductive, open-knit La Mission. Medium to full-bodied, round, generous, lush and flattering to taste, even at this young age, it is built along the stylistic lines of the 2001 or 1999. Drink it over the next 15-20 years. Like its bigger sibling, the second wine, the 2012 La Chapelle de la Mission, was the result of a harvest that occurred between September 17 and October 9. **Read more online**