

The Grand Finale: Lafite & Haut Brion 2017



The en primeur 2017 campaign reaches its height! Now comes the most anticipated **Ch. Lafite Rothschild, Ch. Haut Brion** and **Ch. La Mission Haut Brion**. Equally much awaited is Super Second favourite **Ch. Ducru Beaucaillou** ! Check out our running list of **New Releases** and the **particular highlights**.

2017 New Releases

En Primeur 2017	AOC	WA	Vinous	JS	WS	Euro	HKD (REF) @9.29
Carillon de l'Angelus	St Emilion Grand Cru	-	89-92	93-94	-	€ 84.5	HK\$785
Chapelle De La Mission Haut Brion	Pessac Leognan	88-90	89-91	92-93	-	€ 65	HK\$604
Clarence de Haut Brion	Pessac Leognan	89-91	89-91	93-94	-	€ 110.5	HK\$1,027
Ducru Beaucaillou	St Julien	95-97	93-96	97-98	93-96	€ 130	HK\$1,208
Duo de Conseillante	Pomerol	-	-	-	-	€ 37	HK\$344
Gracia	St Emilion	90-92	93-96	91-92	-	€ 71.5	HK\$665
Haut Brion	Pessac Leognan	95-97	94-96	95-96	-	€ 380	HK\$3,530
La Mission Haut Brion	Pessac Leognan	95-97	93-95	95-96	-	€ 260	HK\$2,416

La Mission Haut Brion Blanc	Pessac Leognan	96-98	93-95	96-97	-	€ 520	HK\$4,831
La Mondotte	St Emilion Grand Cru	96-98+	93-96	96-97	93-96	€ 130	HK\$1,028
Lafite Rothschild	Pauillac	97-99	95-97	97-98	-	€ 455	HK\$4,227
Petit Figeac	St Emilion Grand Cru	-	-	89	-	€ 42.2	HK\$392

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Lafite Rothschild 2017 (Pauillac)

EUR 455 (~HK\$4,227) / bt1

Wine Advocate 97-99:

"Composed of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon with 3.5% Merlot and 0.5% Petit Verdot, the deep garnet-purple colored 2017 Lafite Rothschild is a little shy on the nose to begin, opening out to scents of crushed blackcurrants, black cherries and warm black plums with touches of yeast extract, charcuterie, cigar box and fertile loam plus a hint of iron ore. POW—the paradoxically ethereal, medium-bodied palate hits you with vibrant, exhilarating black fruit and previously latent floral layers, supported with fantastic freshness and super fine-grained, pixelated tannins, finishing with persistent mineral and perfumed layers. Truly. Stunning." - Lisa Perrotti-Brown

James Suckling 97-98:

"This is very tight and tannic with lots of blackcurrant and sweet-tobacco character. Firm and powerful tannin texture sets this up for a long and chewy finish, yet it remains very compact and polished. It's a wine that possesses all the hallmarks of Lafite — everything from flavors to structure."

Vinous 95-97:

"The 2017 Lafite-Rothschild had been blended in mid-March, a couple of weeks prior to my visit, therefore it was important to let this settle and aerate. Moreover, I returned on my final day in Bordeaux mid-April for a second reading. It feels very aloof at first, even a little green, although that ebbs away with time in the glass to reveal pure blackberry and bilberry fruit, touches of brine, cedar and graphite. Patience discloses a really quite sublime array of aromas. The palate is where all the action is: filigree tannin, very well judged acidity, harmonious and poised with a silky smooth finish that glides across the mouth. It does not possess enormous length but it is very precise and, for want of a better, less clichéd word, classic from start to finish. Tasted twice with consistent notes." - Neal Martin

Haut Brion 2017 (Pessac Leognan)

EUR 380 (~HK\$3,530) / bt1

Wine Advocate 95-97:

"Composed of 53% Merlot, 40.7% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6.3% Cabernet Franc, the very deep purple-black colored 2017 Haut-Brion is a little closed on the nose, revealing fresh blackberries, black currants and dark chocolate with suggestions of pencil shavings, beef drippings, tilled soil and cracked black pepper plus a waft of lavender. Medium to full-bodied, it has very firm, ripe, grainy tannins and a lively backbone structuring the tightly knit earth and black fruit layers, finishing with compelling mineral and perfumed layers." - Lisa Perrotti-Brown

James Suckling 95-96:

"A tight and focused red with dark-berry, chocolate and hazelnut character. Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a linear and fine finish. Very refined. Elegant and balanced."

Vinous 94-96:

"The 2017 Haut-Brion was picked from 31 August to 29 September, the longest harvest ever, matured in 69% new oak with 14.25% alcohol (lower than recent vintages.) It has a more generous bouquet than the La Mission Haut-Brion at this point: black cherries, blueberry, a little confit fruit, hints of warm gravel and clove. It is much more restrained than the previous vintages – cooler and linear. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannin, nicely structured with more grip in the mouth than the La Mission. What it has in common with the aforementioned is a sense of symmetry. It feels very persistent with a light marine/oyster shell influence on the finish. This probably has the edge over the La Mission Haut-Brion at the moment, but intra-family competitiveness aside, it boils down to a great follow-up to the brilliant 2015 and 2016." - Neal Martin

La Mission Haut Brion 2017 (Pessac Leognan)

EUR 260 (~HK\$2,416) / bt1

Wine Advocate 95-97:

"The 2017 La Mission Haut-Brion, blended of 56% Merlot, 39.6% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4.4% Cabernet Franc, is very deep garnet-purple in color and scented of crushed blackcurrants, blackberries and chocolate-covered cherries with suggestions of cigar box, bay leaves, Indian spices and dusty soil. Medium to full-bodied with very firm, grainy tannins and a racy backbone supporting the taut, muscular fruit, it has bags of mineral and earthy suggestions layering the very long finish." - Lisa Perrotti-Brown

James Suckling 95-96:

"This is a very tight and focused young La Mission with a pretty center palate of dark fruit and flavors of oyster shell and hints of fresh tobacco. Serious and precise on the finish. 56% merlot, 40% cabernet sauvignon and 4% cabernet franc."

Vinous 93-95:

"The 2017 La Mission Haut-Brion was picked from 4 to 29 September and matured in 68% new oak with 14.1° alcohol. It has a more broody bouquet than previous years: dark berry fruit, brown spices, warm gravel and later, a touch of orange rind. This can sometimes be sultry out of barrel and the 2017 falls into that category. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine tannin. This La Mission Haut-Brion is built around a wonderful structure and symmetry. It feels precise with a detailed, saline finish that lingers in the mouth. I can see Jean-Philippe Delmas's comparison with the 2001 though I find the tannins finer in the 2017. Superb." - Neal Martin

La Mission Haut Brion Blanc 2017 (Pessac Leognan)

EUR 520 (~HK\$4,831) / bt1

Wine Advocate 96-98:

"Blended of 76.2% Sémillon and 23.8% Sauvignon Blanc, the 2017 Blanc gives up seriously intense notes of jasmine, grapefruit, lime zest and yuzu with touches of crushed rocks and lemongrass. The palate is medium-bodied with electric intensity and incredible tension, finishing long with many citrus fruit and mineral layers." - Lisa Perrotti-Brown

James Suckling 96-97:

"This is really layered yet tight and focused with searing minerality that gives it tension and energy. Full-bodied, bright and precise. Impressive. 76% semillon and 24% sauvignon blanc."

Vinous 93-95:

"The 2017 La Mission Haut-Brion Blanc was picked 22 to 31 August and matured in 38% new oak. It is very precise on the nose with lovely scents of orange blossom, Cornice pear, nettle and yellow flowers. The palate is well balanced with a slight waxiness on the entry. There is an underlying resinous quality to this La Mission Blanc with citrus lemon, Granny Smith apples, stem ginger and tangible mineralité towards the finish. This is a classy, sophisticated La Mission Haut-Brion Blanc, one that is surpassed by the nascent Haut-Brion Blanc at the moment, but may have a trick up its sleeve with age thanks to the high proportion of Sémillon." - Neal Martin

Ducru Beaucaillou 2017 (St Julien)

EUR 130 (~HK\$1,208) / bt1

James Suckling 97-98:

"Holy.... This is so powerful and dense with amazing depth of fruit and beautifully ripe tannins. Full body, layers of fruit and tannins. It's has a long finish but then kicks off at the end. Remains classic in style."

Wine Advocate 95-97+:

"There was no frost at Ducru-Beaucaillou in 2017 due to its proximity to the estuary. This barrel sample comes from the final blend, which was made in early 2018. Composed of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Merlot and sporting a deep garnet-purple color, the 2017 Ducru-Beaucaillou is intensely scented of blackcurrant cordial, blackberries and lavender with hints of crushed rocks, iron ore, rose hips and Provence herbs plus touches of wood smoke and sandalwood. Medium-bodied, very firm and grainy in the mouth, it possesses lovely freshness, lifting the intense flavors, finishing long and minerally. Sporting an incredible core of muscular mid-palate fruit, this wine should age incredibly." - Lisa Perrotti-Brown

Vinous 93-96:

"The 2017 Ducru-Beaucaillou is distinctly sleek and polished, with a real air of sensuality. Finessed and racy to the core, the 2017 is all about elegance rather than the power that informed both the 2015 and 2016. Red-toned fruit, plush texture and silky tannins all contribute to the wine's restrained feel. A

host of floral notes add brightness as the wine opens up in the glass. There is so much to like in the 2017. The blend is 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Merlot." - Antonio Galloni

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