



The greatest French wines : Bordeaux, Château Lafite Rothschild and Château Haut Brion



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Throughout the world, French wines are recognised for their exceptional quality, especially the wines of the Bordeaux and Burgundy regions.

The Château Haut Brion was built in 1550 by Jean de Pontac. It is the only estate outside of the Medoc whose wines were classified as “premier cru” in 1855.

Another unique feature is the addition of merlot, which is mixed in equal measures with the cabernet sauvignon in the blend, so that the Haut Brion is a less austere wine than many of the other Medocs.

The name Château Lafite comes from the Gascon word « la hite » meaning « small hill », as the vineyard is located on a small gravel hill over-looking the estuary of the Gironde river.

The wines have always been highly esteemed both for their elegance and their longevity.

As early as 1755, the Maréchal de Richelieu was already a dedicated fan, comparing the wine to the ambrosia of the gods of Olympus.

Although they did not feature in the 1855 classification of Premier Grand crus, they were the only estate to be added to the list after the new classification in 1973.

The owners of these great estates open their doors to us, and introduce us to the people whose hard-work, passion and patience, contribute to the conception of these outstanding wines.

Enologists, wine masters, vineyard managers, and marketing managers talk to us about the qualities that make their wine stand out amongst French and World wines.