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# **Château Haut-Bages Libéral - 5e G.C.C. | Pauillac France (PAUILLAC) – 2016**

## **Domain**

### **Ch. Haut-Bages Libéral**

The name Haut-Bages refers to the topographical designation of the highest point of the locality of "Bages", historic parcels of land that are among the highest quality in the Pauillac appellation. It was the Libéral family who, at the beginning of the 18th century, added their name to that of the estate. Over time, these fine connoisseurs brought together the best terroirs in the south of the Pauillac appellation and were rewarded in 1855 with the title of Grand Cru Classé. The château then passed from hand to hand until the arrival of Jacques Merlaut in 1982. Jacques Merlaut placed his daughter Bernadette in charge of the technical and commercial management of all his properties with absolute confidence. After her tragic death, Jacques turned to Claire, Bernadette's eldest daughter. Under her grandfather's wing, Claire was introduced to the intricacies of Bordeaux wine properties by the best of teachers. In 2000, Claire devoted herself, with passion and conviction, to give a voice to the great terroir of the Estate. From 2007, she was aided by a biodynamic approach and agroforestry techniques, which gradually enabled her to express the true nature of the Château. In 2017, Claire undertook major renovation work on the winery and historic buildings. The property no longer had to blush alongside its impressive Pauillac neighbours and can now devote itself to its raison d'être : the expression of its terroir, for the production of a great wine.

## **Vinification**

Surface of the vineyard : 30 hectares

Soil type: Clay and limestone gravel around the property and deep gravel in the Bages area

Vinification: Traditional in concrete and stainless steel tanks. Plot selection.

Maturation: in French oak barrels for 16 months. 40% new.

## **Taste**

Precise nose, with aromas of small red and black fruits (blackcurrant, ripe black plums) mixed with a hint of mint. On the palate, fine tannins, coated with blackberry and raspberry aromas. Incredible depth.

## **Food pairing**

Calf - smoked | Lambscarré | Game | Tournedos

## General information

Type: Red wine

Grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon (70%), Merlot (30%)

Viticulture: Traditional

Storage (years): > 10

Serving temperature: 18 °C

Taste profile: Complex with firm tannins

