

## 2016 Chateau Haut Bergeron Sauternes - 375mL

### *Notes on the Winery*

(by Christopher Cannan - [www.europvin.com](http://www.europvin.com))

"It is a complete mystery why this superb Sauternes property is not better known. The vineyards are very well-located, the vines truly venerable, and the selection policy is as rigorous as for the 1ers Crus Classés (average yield 15 hl/ha !). The winemaking is attentive and intelligent, and the fruit is nicely complimented but not drowned in new oak. It appears that the Lamothe family have never had a problem selling their wine to a large and loyal following of private customers, and as a result have never sought international recognition or widespread publicity. With typically modest understatement - "récompenses obtenues" - they admit that Haut-Bergeron has won over 50 medals, including no less than 30 golds, but that is as far as they will go in 'blowing their own trumpet'.

...For the moment, the prices are criminally low given the quality of these wines, but the secret is out now and the inevitable supply-and-demand problems are sure to follow soon. Expect to hear a lot more about this first-rate property over the next few years. "



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**Variety:** 80% Semillon, 12% Sauvignon, 8% Muscadelle. Average age of the vines : 60 years

**Vintage:** 2016

**Region:** Sauternes AOC, France

**Soil:** On a hill of gravel, limestone and sand

**Harvest:** Hand picked only with several selective picking (between 4 and 6 depending on the vintage) of botrytised grapes.

**Vinification:** In 50% new oak barrels for 18 months. Regular topping-ups and rackings. Natural clarification.

**Alcohol:** 14%

**Ageing Capacity:** With all the care given and the selections made through the whole process of farming and vinification, Chateau Haut Bergeron has definitely the ability to age in bottle. Outstanding vintages dating from the last century such as 1924, 1926, 1928, 1929... are still being kept in the private cellar of Chateau Haut Bergeron.

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### **ACCOLADES:**

#### ***DWWA: Gold Medal 96 points***

Pitch-perfect Sauternes, with focused scents of ginger, marmalade, honey and Asian spices. Gorgeous candied apricot palate which is generous with its high quality oak, delivering creamy vanilla custard notes. Everything is In place here.

#### ***Wine Advocate: 92 points***

Pale lemon colored, the 2016 Haut-Bergeron has quite a savory nose of baker's yeast, warm bread, fresh straw and fried spices over a core of lemon meringue pie, baked peaches and beeswax. The palate has wonderful restraint with bags of tightly wound nuances and fantastic freshness, finishing long and honeyed.

Diplôme Bruxelles 2019: Gold medal

Diplôme Concours Bordeaux 2019: Gold medal