

CHATEAU HAUT-BAILLY

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ

2023 ODYSSEY

"What a joy it is to drink this delectable wine!
So exclaimed the Cyclops after drinking the glass of wine handed to him by Ulysses to free himself from his grip.

Let us wager that the 2023 vintage will give us the same emotion! The year we spent in the vineyard was a veritable Odyssey: an eventful journey, an adventure punctuated by obstacles that our team's dedication and skills were able to overcome.

CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

After a 2022 vintage which was particularly hot and dry, 2023 began with a cool start. Pruning took place in the depths of winter, sometimes even in the snow. Frosty spells were avoided at the start of Spring, which was characterised by mild, then warm temperatures. Flowering took place between May 22nd and June 10th in warm, dry conditions. The months of June and July were tropical, with particularly heavy downy mildew pressure, which the estate's winegrowers managed to contain thanks to their responsiveness and the lessons learned from the 2018, 2020 and 2021 vintages. For the rest of the summer, the vines and winegrowers had to contend with high, and even very high, temperatures from mid-August to the end of September. One could liken it to being in Ithaca, with the green of the magnificent foliage replacing the blue of the Ionian Sea.

2023 was therefore characterised by a wide range of temperatures and a diversity of climatic conditions, comparable to those you might encounter on a long-haul voyage... Such is the Odyssey that this vintage offered us.

WINE

The satisfaction of overcoming adversity is followed by the joy of a wine that is both full-bodied and opulent, fresh and pure, enriched by these varied weather conditions. The Merlots, of a quality at least equal to that of 2022, have the roundness and charm of modernity. The Cabernets have the beauty and purity of classicism. From Antiquity to the present day, this is the journey that the 2023 vintage invites us to take.

Harvest dates : 11th to 29th September

Blend Château Haut-Bailly 2023 :

58% Cabernet Sauvignon

34% Merlot

4% Petit Verdot

4% Cabernet Franc

Blend Haut-Bailly•II 2023 :

64% Merlot

34% Cabernet Sauvignon

2% Cabernet Franc