

CHÂTEAU BATAILLEY



— PAULLAC —
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855



AN EXCEPTIONAL YEAR, A YEAR OF SUPERLATIVES!!!

The year 2022 was marked by many Political, Economic and Climatic events.

For Economic and Political events, Ukraine, the energy crisis, inflation, and above all the disappearance of Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II, a great lover of the Great Wines of Bordeaux.

For the climate, extreme events have affected the whole world, and Bordeaux has not been spared with severe drought and violent fires

Let's go back to the exceptional climatology that saw the birth of this magnificent 2022 vintage.

In winter, despite the rain in November and December 2021, the first three months of the year are drier than usual.

Spring is marked at the beginning of April by five nights of very strong frost but we were spared.

Flowering in mid-May is rapid and uniform for all grape varieties.

June sees strong heat, heavy rains, very heavy storms, followed by very dry July with extremely rapid veraison in mid-July.

The summer was very dry, very hot. It is even the hottest year since 1947.

The harvest begins at the beginning of September and ends before the end of the month.

These are very concentrated grapes, small berries that gave this wine with a superb color, this very beautiful maturity and a very great aromatic richness, markers of this exceptional vintage.

The temperature curve recorded over the year shows that the average temperature is higher than the average recorded between 1981 and 2010. Thus, the vine was able to adapt magnificently to this major climatic change and offered us bunches that were small, but of a perfection rarely equaled.

In a few words, let's summarize this 2022 vintage: Exceptional climate, record temperatures, drought, low juice content in the berries, very deep color, strong taste intensity and superb concentration of aromas.

But a few days before harvesting this superb wine, we learned with amazement of the disappearance of Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II. This news particularly struck us because if the Palace has regularly served Château Batailley, it was with the 1947 vintage that it celebrated its silver wedding anniversary with Prince Philip. To mark our thanks to the Queen, it seemed natural to us to dedicate this 2022 vintage in style and at temperatures close to 1947 to Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II in memory of her friendship for France, Bordeaux, and our wines.

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With a dark color, it develops an intense bouquet of black fruits, sweet spices underlined by empyreumatic notes. Very racy, the mouth is compact and tender, marked by a tannic structure and a creamy finish. The persistence is remarkable, on fresh fruit notes.

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Axel Marchal, Doctor of Oenology.

