

Chateau Haut Brisson

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Chateau Haut Brisson, 2010 La Grave

75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon

- Average age of the vines: 40 years
- Plots are located on sandy gravel's hilltops and gravels with a big amount of iron dirt in the subsoil
- 88% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc are planted
- 16 hectares
- 45 hl/ha
- Parcel management of the soil & vineyard
- Traditional farming, single Guyot pruning, natural grass between the rows, work the soil under the vine, disbudding, subtle leaf removal and green harvest if necessary to respect the environmental balance.
- Hand Harvested and a first selection of the grapes in the vineyard.
- After arrival to the winery grapes are destalked and carefully sorted once more
- Fermentation is carried out in temperature controlled "tronconiques" stainless steel tanks 10 to 20 days.
- Barrels are filled just after the running off and malolactic fermentation in them
- Aged 12 months, depending on the vintage, in one year old French oak barrels.
- Mis en bouteille au Chateau, without fining and filtration.
- 40,000 bottles



Chateau Haut Brisson La Grave is the younger brother of Chateau Haut Brisson. It is made from younger vines of this beautiful area closely located to Saint Emilion and has the same care at every stage as the first. The blend and aging are slightly different to produce and offer a wine that opens earlier. Indeed the cuvée La Grave is an invitation to pleasure; it has all the delicacy, the flavours and harmony of Haut Brisson without having to wait.
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VINEYARD NOTES

- The vineyards were planted in 1945
- The vineyard is located south of the appellation on the 3 villages of Saint-Emilion, Saint-Sulpice de Faleyrens and Vignonet.
- Peter Kwok bought the vineyard in 1997 in the name of his daughter Elaine. Peter was born in Vietnam, his Chinese parents raised him in Saigon, where he says he learned to admire French architecture, dark-roast coffee and crunchy baguettes and he wanted his children to have the same experience.
- Peter always said, as a Chinese he is deeply proud of his own culture and there are not many places where you feel the culture is as rich and as fascinating as your own, but France is one.
- Peter earned a Ph.D. in finance from the University of California, Berkeley, and later served as chairman of Citic Resources Holdings Ltd., the energy subsidiary of China's biggest state-owned investment company, Citic Group, from 2002 to 2007. Peter's business interest span oil, natural resources and property development in China.
- Elaine is a Harvard and Stanford graduate and now has multiple roles at auction house Christie's. She is business manager of the jewelry department, course director for education programs and works in the president's office.
- What began as Elaine Kwok's fascination with French culture has also become a labour of love for her husband, Adrian Cheong. An Oxbridge graduate and cardiologist is so passionate about wine that he keeps a blog documenting all he drinks. Kwok credits Cheong as the driving force behind their wine business; "Because my husband loves wine so much, we got involved even more."

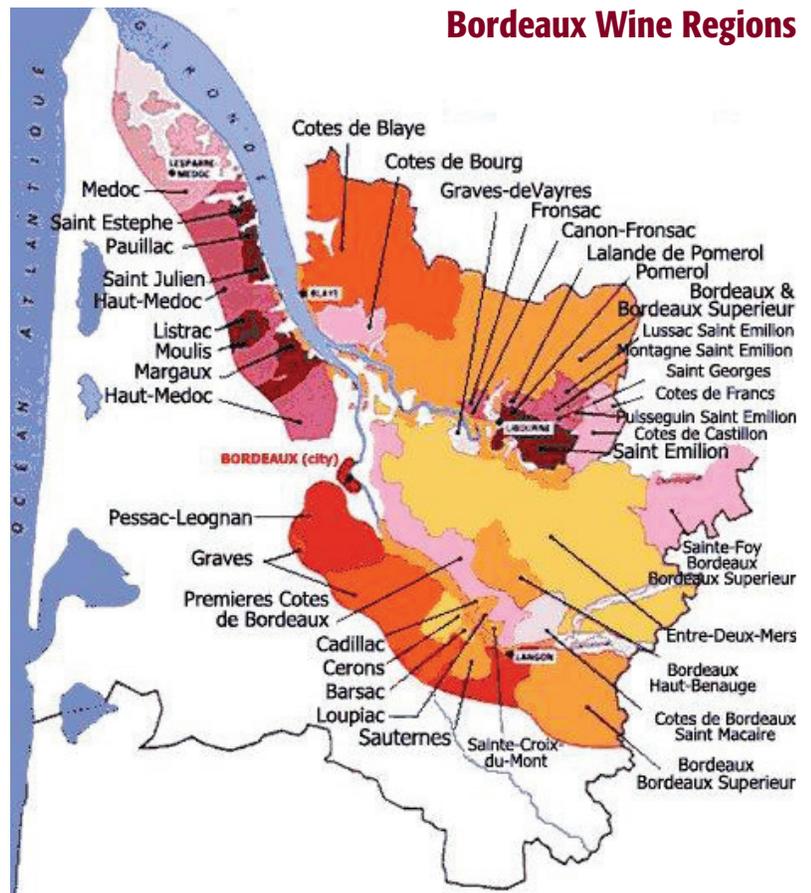


- The first goal for Peter when buying Chateau Haut Brisson was to experience the French culture but it shortly turned into a passion to make a good wine. To accomplish this, he soon added vineyards with better terroir after realizing that soil was all important. They own it but they don't manage it; they leave that to the French. Peter's belief that to improve wine, you need to be willing to take the long term view. You need the right team, to understand what you don't know

and allow your team to take the necessary decisions.

- "The wine business isn't easy; you need to have passion," Kwok says. "The wines absolutely have to be good. Achieving that took me nearly 10 years with many changes and investment."
- Since 2010 the wines have been certified organic.
- They now own two new properties on the right bank of Bordeaux, Tour Saint-Christophe in St. Emilion and La Patache in Pomerol.

Bordeaux Wine Regions



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