

Xavier Flouret™

La Victoire 2008



WINEMAKER
WINERY NAME
APPELLATION

COUNTRY
GRAPE VARIETAL

Jacques-Henri Bravard
Château Haut-Meneau
Premières Côtes de Blaye
Contrôlée – Cru Bourgeois
France
Merlot 50% -
Cabernet Sauvignon 50%

HISTORY

Château Haut-Meneau is located in the heart of the Côtes de Blaye, the oldest producing region in Bordeaux. The Château Haut-Meneau, established in 1825, earned the “cru bourgeois” distinction in 1873. Purchased in 1988 by Jean-Paul Bravard (owner of cellars in Normandy) and subsequently taken over by his son, Jacques-Henri in 1998, the Château now holds 10 hectares.

TERROIR

The soil is clay and chalk. The Château is situated on a crest “the small mount” for which the Château is named. The climate is maritime with mild and rainy winters, hot and stormy springs, warm summers and mild autumns.

VITICULTURE & VINIFICATION

The 35 year-old vines, planted at a density of 5,500 vines per hectare, yield 35 Hl / hectare. The traditional fermentation takes place in small tanks. Jacques-Henri’s respect for the vintage and terroir are expressed by his working with the vintage as opposed to manipulating it.

AGEING

6 month in the tanks and 12 months in new oak barrels.

VINTAGE

2008 was a rather warm and humid year with a particularly hot and rainy spring, variable conditions in summer and a fresh but sunny autumn. Merlot grapes were picked on October 9th and 10th and Cabernet Sauvignon on October 23rd, under favorable climatic conditions. Grapes were very healthy with a slightly lower yield than previous years.

STYLE

Eye: Deep garnet color.

Nose: Fruity aromas of blackberry, cherry, strawberry along with oaky aromas: toast, vanilla.

Palate: Elegant wine. A classic Bordeaux. Blackberries and spices with a smooth tannic structure.

FOOD PAIRING

Great with red meats, rich sauce dishes and cheeses. Try it with chocolate.

WHEN TO DRINK

Now and up 10 years, all year long

TECHNICALS

Alcohol: 13%, Total acidity: 3.41 g/l, PH: 3.51, Residual sugar: 0.3 g/l

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