



CHATEAU
LA MISSION HAUT-BRION

Paris, Oct. 10th, 2016

Direct from the cellars of Château La Mission Haut-Brion, A Century of the world's most sought-after wines are being released for the first time ever in a single cellar sale, at Sotheby's New York, on October the 19th.



“What I see in these bottles is a number of old friends, a number of legends, a number of bottles that I have never had the opportunity to taste and probably never will, because they are very rare.”

Prince Robert of Luxembourg, Chairman and CEO, Domaine Clarence Dillon.

“Nothing can equal Direct from the Château provenance and when this is allied to the stunning dramatic impact of the wine, we have liquid Nirvana.”

Mrs. Serena Sutcliffe, Honorary Chairman, Sotheby's Wine.

Acclaimed wine critic, **Mr. Robert Parker** has honored La Mission with the perfect score of **100/100** on 9 occasions; more than any other celebrated Château in Bordeaux.

“I have more bottles of La Mission Haut-Brion in my private collection than any other wine in the world... La Mission has long been one of the greatest wines one could ever possibly drink as well as one of the most remarkably consistent.” Mr. Robert Parker Jr, 3 September 2012.

Collectors will have the opportunity to acquire extremely rare bottles of this unique wine named by many as the unofficial 6th First Growth of Bordeaux.

“...by most reckonings from critics, consumers and trade indexes, La Mission is considered an equal to the First Growths. It is known as “the sixth First growth” and garners some of the highest ratings of any wines...When wine connoisseurs consider the different vintages of Château La Mission Haut-Brion, they recognise them as some of the world's greatest wines.”

Mr. Jamie Ritchie, Worldwide Head of Sotheby's Wine.

The Fine Wine Exchange Liv-Ex has also pronounced Chateau La Mission Haut-Brion as the 6th First Growth in every reclassification of Bordeaux wines since 2009.

“This is the fourth time that Liv-Ex has run its own classification, and La Mission Haut-Brion has been shown as a First Growth every time.” Liv-Ex July 14th 2015

This is the first ever sale to focus entirely on the wines of La Mission and therefore also offers the discerning collector a unique opportunity to acquire some of the rarest and finest white wines in the world, namely, Chateau Laville Haut-Brion and Château La Mission Haut-Brion Blanc. Only 500 cases of these white wines are produced each year.

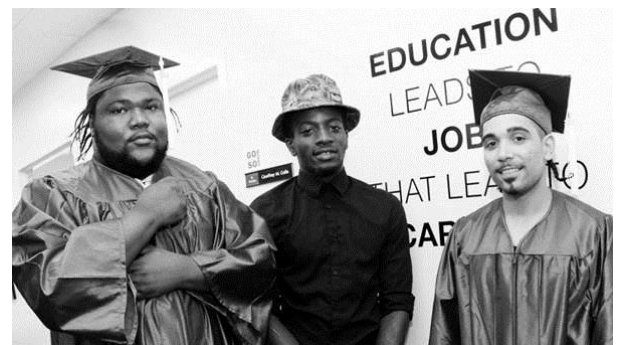
“The mesmerising white wines, Château La Mission Haut-Brion Blanc and its predecessor Château Laville Haut-Brion, are produced in very small quantity, almost to taunt us with their rarity!”

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In addition, the auction will make it possible for bidders to contribute to an excellent New York City cause. A charity lot in aid of the non-profit Organisation **GOSO (Getting Out and Staying Out)** will feature a dinner at Domaine Clarence Dillon’s new gourmet Restaurant, **Le Clarence**, in the heart of Paris. This lot will also include a **private visit and lunch at Château La Mission Haut-Brion for 6 people.**

“Over the past 13 years, GOSO has empowered over 12,000 young men, over 90% of color, 16-24 years of age in NYC, to dramatically change their lives to ensure that, once released, they would never again re-enter the criminal justice system. The result of this program are phenomenal: GOSO has consistently maintained a recidivism rate of under 13% against a national average of over 50% for this population.”
GOSO



This is an unprecedented and Historical Sale for this venerable Estate and for these wines that hail from the ancestral birthplace of the great vineyards of Bordeaux. This Sale is defined not only by perfect provenance, but also by the unique access to the entire family of La Mission, available both in verticals and in the ever so rare large format bottles. The Sale includes the wines of **Chateau La Tour Haut-Brion, La Chapelle de La Mission Haut-Brion** and of **La Clarté de Haut-Brion** (production approximately 1,000 cases... which is made as a second wine sourced from the estates of La Mission and Chateau Haut-Brion Blancs).

About the sale:

<http://www.sothebys.com/en/auctions/2016/chateau-la-mission-haut-brion-direct-cellar-n09610.html>

Download the catalogue:

http://www.sothebys.com/content/dam/sothebys/PDFs/Wine/N09610_downloadable%20pdf.pdf

About GOSO – Getting Out Staying Out: <http://gostonyc.org/>

DOMAINE CLARENCE DILLON

Created in 1935, the family-owned and managed company, Domaine Clarence Dillon, has the unique privilege of producing five rare and exceptional estate wines: two red wines and two white wines from First Growth, Château Haut-Brion and its sibling Château La Mission Haut-Brion. Since the 2011 vintage, the company is also proud to represent one of the finest wines from Saint Émilion: Château Quintus.

In 2005, the family company created Clarence Dillon Wines, which has become one of the most important Fine Wine Merchants in Bordeaux, and launched Clarendelle, “Inspired by Haut-Brion”, Bordeaux’s first super premium luxury brand wine.

As wardens of three mythical Estates, steeped in close to two millennia of history, the family company strives to have this deep heritage reflected in all of the wines produced under its name. Domaine Clarence Dillon combines tradition with innovation in order to extract the quintessence of an exceptional terroir and produce comprehensive families of authentic wines that are defined by their balance, complexity and elegance.

On November 17th, 2015, Domaine Clarence Dillon’s scope of activities broadens with the creation of two new companies, both based in the Hôtel Dillon, an elegant “Hôtel Particulier” (private mansion) located at 31, avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt in Paris, just opposite Le Grand Palais, and only metres from Les Champs-Élysées. This beautiful mansion gives visitors a chance to discover the world and culture of Domaine Clarence Dillon thanks to its gourmet restaurant, “Le Clarence”, and “La Cave du Château”, the wine shop that features a wide selection of wines sourced exclusively from the greatest terroirs of France.

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