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Chateau Haut-Vigneau Pessac-Leognan 2009

Much has been written on the 2009 Bordeaux vintage, it being largely universally regarded as among the great Bordeaux vintages. This too from a decade in Bordeaux that has already seen a number of already outstanding vintages (2000, 2001, 2003 (for some producers) and 2005). I am therefore somewhat excited to see some 2009s starting to find their way to Australian shores. This wine did not disappoint.

The 2009 vintage of Chateau Haut-Vigneau presents itself as a typical *Graves* wine in many respects, and is a blend of 60% cabernet sauvignon and 40% merlot. Ruby in colour, the wine opens to a medium-pronounced intensity expression of blackcurrant, cigar box, black cherry and a sprinkling of popcorn kernels. On the palate, the depth of the vintage becomes apparent - a mouth filling full bodied wine with medium length, forward black fruits, tobacco, and medium tannins and acidity. It immediately drank well, yet with time, I liked it even more. This is a very good wine, happily also at a very fair price. **89-90 points**

Abv: 13.5%

Price: \$38

Source: sample

Website: <http://www.haut-vigneau.com/> (importer: <http://www.discovervin.com.au/>)

Tasted: January 2012