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Wine of the Week

1997 Château Haut-Brion – France

WHO: Château Haut-Brion

WHAT: Cabernet sauvignon blend

WHERE: Graves AOC, France

WHEN: 1997

Minerality was remarkable. Wet gravel and scorched earth formed the base for red currant, sweet wood, and smoked meat flavors. Tobacco and mint added counterpoints to the mild fruit flavors, clearly giving way to the secondary flavors of a mature Bordeaux. This is ready now and in this down '97 vintage unlikely to improve with additional age.

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