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SoDivin Offers a 1924 Haut-Brion in a Rare Eight-Decade Sale

The French merchant listed limited quantities from 1924 through 2004, with the oldest bottle priced at €2,075 ex-VAT.

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French fine-wine merchant SoDivin said Tuesday that it has released a stock list of Château Haut-Brion wines spanning eight decades, offering bottles from 1924 through 2004 in a limited-quantity sale aimed at collectors and buyers of mature Bordeaux.

The offer was circulated in a marketing email sent by the Aigues-Vives, France-based company, which describes itself as a specialist in fine wines and old vintages. In the message, SoDivin said all listed bottles were in stock and available for express shipping, with same-day dispatch before 2 p.m., next-day delivery, specialized protective packaging and high-definition bottle photos available online or on request.

The stock list covers both Château Haut-Brion and Bahans Haut-Brion, the estate's former second wine. Château Haut-Brion is one of Bordeaux's most established names and is widely known as a First Growth estate from the Pessac-Léognan area. The list shows a narrow inventory, with many vintages available in only one to five bottles, a sign that the sale is focused on scarce, older cellar stock rather than broad retail distribution.

The oldest wine in the offer is a 1924 Château Haut-Brion, listed at €2,075 per bottle excluding value-added tax. Other prewar wines include a single bottle of 1931 Château Haut-Brion at €1,875, three bottles of the 1930 vintage at €1,540 each and two bottles of 1933 at €1,029.17 each. Postwar bottles listed include one 1949 Château Haut-Brion at €956.67, one 1957 at €687.50, one 1958 at €550 and five bottles of 1964 at €700 each.

The offer also includes several bottles from the 1970s and 1980s. These include one 1972 Château Haut-Brion at €400, one 1974 at €370.83, one 1978 Bahans Haut-Brion at €274.17, two bottles of 1981 Château Haut-Brion at €458.33, one 1982 at €954.17, one 1984 at €337.50, three 1986 bottles at €525 each, two 1988 Château Haut-Brion bottles at €400 each and three 1988 Bahans Haut-Brion bottles at €158.33 each. The 1990 Château Haut-Brion, often closely followed by collectors because of the reputation of that Bordeaux vintage, was listed with three bottles at €825 each.

For the 1990s and early 2000s, the list becomes somewhat more accessible on price, though quantities remain low. One bottle of 1993 Château Haut-Brion was listed at €408.33 and one bottle of 1993 Bahans Haut-Brion at €110. The company also listed three bottles of 2002 Château Haut-Brion at €350 each, two bottles of 2002 Bahans Haut-Brion at €120.83 each and four bottles of 2004 Bahans Haut-Brion at €115 each.

SoDivin said the listed prices are ex-VAT, in euros and ex-cellar, meaning buyers may face additional tax, shipping and import costs depending on destination. The email linked to a list of shipping destinations but did not specify them in the body of the message that was distributed. The company also invited customers to request additional information or bottle photography by email or WhatsApp.

The offer reflects the way mature Bordeaux is often sold outside traditional en primeur or winery channels, with merchants emphasizing storage history, bottle condition, photography and speed of delivery. In this case, SoDivin placed particular focus on visual documentation, stating that bottles are “precisely described and illustrated” with high-quality photos. For older wines, especially those from the first half of the 20th century, fill levels, label condition, capsule integrity and provenance can materially affect market value and buyer confidence.

The low quantities attached to nearly every line in the stock sheet suggest that availability may change quickly if collectors or trade buyers move on specific vintages. Only one bottle was listed for several years, including 1924, 1931, 1949, 1957, 1958, 1972, 1974, 1978, 1982, 1984 and 1993. The largest single line was five bottles of 1964 Château Haut-Brion. Several vintages carried a “new photo” notation, indicating updated bottle images had been added for some lots.

The release also shows the large spread in pricing between the estate’s grand vin and its former second wine. In the same general period, Bahans Haut-Brion was offered at a fraction of the price of Château Haut-Brion itself. For example, the 2002 Bahans Haut-Brion was listed at €120.83, while the 2002 Château Haut-Brion was listed at €350. The 1988 Bahans Haut-Brion was listed at €158.33, compared with €400 for the 1988 Château Haut-Brion. That gap is typical of the way the Bordeaux market values first wines against second labels from the same property.

SoDivin, which said it has operated since 2001, gave its address as 21 chemin des Horts in Aigues-Vives, in southern France, and provided phone, email and WhatsApp contact details for sales inquiries. The company framed the release as a focused Château Haut-Brion selection rather than a broader Bordeaux offer, and directed buyers to both a downloadable Excel stock list and a separate online page showing all Haut-Brion wines currently available in its inventory.