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Château de Haute-Serre Grand Malbec	2022	Occitanie*	Yes	96
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**De Haute-Serre Grand Malbec (Georges Vigouroux) 2022** (Cahors; 100% Malbec; an inter-parcel selection, by plant and by grape; aged for 18 months in a combination of amphorae and oak barrels of 400 litres, around half of them new; around 6000 bottles; 14% alcohol). There's been a lot of talk of this wine and it's good finally to taste it. It's worth the wait. Quite simply both the best wine from the appellation and the best French Malbec that I have ever tasted. Aromatically explosive, with tulip bulbs, lilac, violet, black pen ink, graphite and cedar vying with the black cherry and blueberry fruit and those gorgeous freshly crushed green and black peppercorns notes (there's a distinct hint of 'au poivre' sauce to this). Plump and plush, dense and extremely compact, with a considerable volume of ultra fine-grained beady tannin still to be resolved, this is built for the ages. I love the beautiful lift and sapidity of the fantail finish. **96**. RRP: €180.



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*“Tout simplement le meilleur Malbec français que j’ai jamais goûté...”*