



CHATEAU
SMITH HAUT LAFITTE
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES

SMITH HAUT LAFITTE ROUGE 2007

Rendement : 33 hl/ha, avant sélection des 3 vins : Smith Haut Lafitte, les Hauts de Smith, les Hauts de Maujan et du rosé.

Assemblage : 60 % cabernet sauvignon / 31 % merlot / 8 % cabernet franc / 1% petit verdot

Vinification en baies entières avec pigeage en cuve bois : 28-30°C

Elevage 18 mois en barrique (80% bois neuf, de notre tonnellerie intégrée), élevage sur lies, 1 seul soutirage puis élevage lot par lot

Age des vignes : 38 ans

The Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) - 90-92

The Wine Spectator (James Suckling)

Fresh mushroom, berry and currant on the nose and palate. Medium body, good tannins and plenty of fruit for the vintage. Score range: 88-92

Jancis Robinson Drink 2012-16 - 16/20 / 2015-2023 - 17/20

Purple with a pale rim. Lightweight nose but everything in balance with nice frank fruit and the tannins are supple and fine. Lively and in the flirtatious, easy idiom of the vintage. Easy and breezy. Not especially ambitious but a good drink. Congratulations are in order on not fighting the vintage character.

Decanter (Beverly Blanning): Deep purple-red. Sweet cassis and oak nose. Well-structured palate with refreshing acidity. Brisk, fine-grained tannins. Lovely cassis fruit palate. Mineral, stony finish. For the longer term.

The Wine Journal (Neal Martin) - 90-92

This has a very upfront nose black cherries, Doris plum but here infused with a little cedar and there in the background a touch of mango sorbet. Medium-bodied, very fine tannins and focus – this is Smith Haut Lafitte showing its refined nature with just a touch of tar on the finish.

Weinwisser (René Gabriel) - 18/20

International Wine Cellar (Steve Tanzer) - 89-91

Medium ruby-red. Black raspberry, smoky dark chocolate and a whiff of game on the nose. Suave, sweet and consistent, in a rather gentle style for this chateau. Plenty of fruit here, lifted by understated minerality. Finishes with ripe, fine tannins and subtle persistence. Not a powerful wine but very successful for the year.