

CHATEAU
SMITH HAUT LAFITTE
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ



2016



Yield: 35 hectoliters per hectare, prior to selection for the estate's three wines: Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte, Les Hauts de Smith and Le Petit Haut Lafitte.

Blend:

65% Cabernet Sauvignon

30% Merlot

4% Cabernet Franc

1% Petit Verdot

Winemaking: Whole grapes are fermented at 28°C in small wooden vats with extraction by manual punching down.

Aging: 18 months in barrels (60% are new barrels produced in our in-house cooperage), with aging on lees. After being racked a single time, wine is aged according to its profile.

Age of vines: 48 years old

Tasting Scores

In bottles:

Antonio Galloni – Vinous	98
Neal Martin	97
Lisa Perrotti-Brown – Robert Parker	98
Jane Anson - Decanter	98
Jancis Robinson	18
RVF	19
Kris Kissack	98
Yves Beck	100
James Suckling	97
James Molesworth - Wine Spectator	97
Bettane & Desseauve	18

Tasting notes by Fabien Teitgen, Technical Director

Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte 2016 is a deep, nearly black hue with a wonderfully complex nose combining refined aromas of blackberry, black cherry and raspberry and delicate floral notes and mild spices with touches of star anise, smoke and flint...

On the palate, it is powerful, elegant and undeniably seductive. The attack is balanced with wonderful concentration, density and freshness. Offering fullness, concentration, power, refinement, freshness, complexity and intense aromas of fruit, flowers, spices and smoke, the 2016 vintage of Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte is a masterpiece.