

CHATEAU
SMITH HAUT LAFITTE
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ



2018



Yield: 21 hl/ha, prior to selection for the estate's three wines: Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte, Les Hauts de Smith and Le Petit Haut Lafitte.

Blend:

60% Cabernet Sauvignon

34% Merlot

4% Cabernet Franc

2% 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

In bottles:

Jeb Dunnuck	99
James Suckling	98
Jeff Leve – The Wine Cellar Insider	98
Yves Beck	98
Lisa Perrotti-Brown – Wine Advocate	97+
James Molesworth - Wine Spectator	97
Jane Anson - Decanter	97
Chris Kissack - Wine Doctor	97
Wine Enthusiast	96
Peter Moser – Falstaff	96
Matthew Jukes	18++
Neal Martin – Vinous	95
Julia Harding – JancisRobinson.com	17,5
Antonio Galloni – Vinous	94

Tasting scores:

Tasting notes from Fabien Teitgen, Winemaker:

This wine has a dark red, almost black colour. The nose is redolent of fresh fruit (raspberries, cherries, strawberries) and, after swirling in the glass, more complex notes of spice, dried herbs, fennel, and a slight floral nuance.

The wine is straightforward and well-balanced on the palate, with good concentration and plenty of volume. Despite a substantial quantity of tannin, it remains smooth and rich, with excellent balance between substance, density and freshness. The texture is delicate and precise. The finish is very long and complex with fresh red fruit, liquorice and cinnamon, as well as more terroir-induced notes of smoke and flint.