

CHATEAU
SMITH HAUT LAFITTE
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ



2017



Yield: 35 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

35% 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: 38 years old

Tasting scores:

In bottles:

Antonio Galloni – Vinous	97
Lisa Perrotti-Brown – Robert Parker	94-96
James Suckling	97
Jane Anson - Decanter	95
Jancis Robinson	17
RVF	18,5
James Molesworth - Wine Spectator	95
Bettane & Desseauve	17,5
Chris Kissack	98
Le Figaro Vin	18,5

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.