

# Le Petit Haut Lafitte

## red 2015

Wine from the young vines of  
Château Smith Haut Lafitte



Created during the blending process of Château Smith Haut Lafitte, Le Petit Haut Lafitte is vinified and aged with the same care as the Grand Vin in our positive energy cellar. From the vineyard to the cellar, all the production techniques are identical.

**Yield:** 35 hl/ha, before selection of the three wines: Château Smith Haut Lafitte, Le Petit Haut Lafitte and Les Hauts de Smith.

### **Blend**

60 % Cabernet Sauvignon  
40 % Merlot

**Vinification** of whole berries in small wooden vats at 26-28°C for 4 to 6 weeks, extraction through pigeages and/or remontages.

**Ageing** 14 months in French oak barrels (20 % new) made at the Château onsite cooperage.

Better enjoyed after 2018.

## **The 2015 vintage**

The year 2015 was marked by a long drought from March to July and a month of August rather cool and wet, causing early maturation while maintaining a beautiful freshness.

Thanks to a precocious water stress we have a large production of tannins and a beautiful maturation of them. The harvest lasted for 4 weeks, slowly, following the tannin maturation process. We harvested our grapes at their optimum.

The harvest of the red grapes started on September 14th with the young Merlot grapes and on 22nd of September for the old Merlot vines. Then, the Petit Verdot on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Cabernet Sauvignon from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of October and we finished with our Cabernet Franc. It was a pleasure to harvest these perfectly ripped and balanced grapes, with a beautiful weather...

## **Comments by Fabien Teitgen, Technical Director**

Le Petit Haut Lafitte red 2015 has a dark red color deep and dense.

The nose expresses an elegant blend of red and black fruits, cherry, raspberry, blackcurrant with some empyreumatic and aromatic herbs notes.

The palate is rich and concentrated with a good acidity and nice tannins. We recognize Cabernet Sauvignons' style ! The palate is aromatic and delicate with fresh fruits, *pierre à fusil*, eucalyptus, dry herb notes and a lovely floral touch.

## **Tasting notes**

James Suckling : 92-93

James Molesworth : 89-92

Wine Spectator : 89-92

Tim Atkin : 92

Jancis Robinson : 17