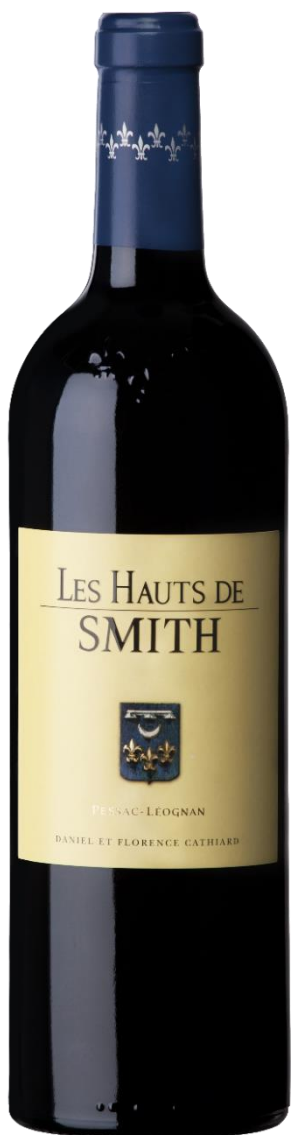


# Les Hauts de Smith rouge 2015

Wine from the young vines of  
Château Smith Haut Lafitte



Created during the blending process of Château Smith Haut Lafitte, Les Hauts de Smith is vinified and aged with the same care as the Grand Vin. 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, Les Hauts de Smith and Le Petit Haut Lafitte.

#### **Blend**

50 % Merlot

50% Cabernet Sauvignon

**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.

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## **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**

Les Hauts de Smith Rouge 2015 has a beautiful very dark red, very dense.

The nose expresses very nice fresh fruits, raspberry, cherry, fresh strawberry, with smoke, liquorice and cinamon notes.

The palate is concentrated, smoothy, dense with nice tanins texture : hamonious and smoothy. The wine is very charming, revealing lovely fresh red fruits, sweet spices notes (badiane, cinnamon, liquorice), smooky notes very characteristical of our gravel terroir.

Les Haut de Smith red 2015 blends concentration, kindness, smoothness... a charming harmonious wine of pleasure...

Kindness and power of seduction.

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