

Le Petit Haut Lafitte

white 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. From the vineyard to the cellar, all the production techniques are identical.

Yield: 30 hl per hectare before selection of the 3 wines: Château Smith Haut Lafitte, Le Petit Haut Lafitte and Les Hauts de Smith.

Blend

80 % Sauvignon blanc
20 % Semillon

Vinification: grapes are hand-picked into small crates and pressed in an oxygen-free environment (to preserve the aromatic potential of the berries) and fermentation takes place in French oak barrels (50% new oak) after a cold settling of the juices.

Ageing 10 months on the lees with bâtonnage in barrels (50% new oak) made at the Château onsite cooperage.

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.

The fresh temperatures, particularly at night during the ripening of the grapes, has preserved the acidity which is essential for the good balance and the tension of our white wines. We also note a high homogeneity of the bud burst, flowering and veraison, characteristic of this vintage, which is a very good qualitative basis !!

The harvest of the white grapes started on August 31st with the young Sauvignons and from the 7th to the 15th September for the old vines. Then, on September 14th we harvested the gray Sauvignon and the Semillon on September 18th. An early, short, and rapid harvest with beautiful weather; what a treat.

Comments by Fabien Teitgen, technical director

This wine has a clear yellow and brilliant color.

The nose is open and expresses complex notes of citrus and yellow fruit (apricot). We find the influence of the two varietals by the freshness and the dynamics of Sauvignon Blancs associated with the roundness of Semillon.

The palate is both tense and voluptuous with a good length on fresh citrus, yellow flowers, yellow fruit and a little smoke characteristic of our terroir made of « Graves gunzienne ».

Tasting notes

Decanter	90
Jeannie Cho Lee	91
James Suckling	91-92
Wine spectator	88-91
Antonio Galloni	90-93