

CHATEAU
SMITH HAUT LAFITE
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ



2019



Yield: 28 hl/ha, before production was divided into three wines: Château Smith Haut Lafite, Les Hauts de Smith, and Le Petit Haut Lafite.

Blending:

90 % Sauvignon Blanc

5% Sauvignon Gris

5 % Sémillon

Fermentation: The grapes are hand-picked into small crates and pressed in an oxygen-free environment using inert gas to retain the grapes' aromatic potential, followed by fermentation in French oak barrels (50% new oak) and cold settling.

Ageing: 12 months on the lees with bâtonnage (lees stirring) in barrels (50% new + 50% previously used for one vintage) from our own on-site cooperage.

Age of the vines: 38 years (between 60 and 20 years old)

Tasting scores:

En Primeurs:

Adrian Van Velsen	98
Falstaff – Peter Moser	98
James Suckling	97
Decanter – Georgie Hindle	97
Weinwisser	19
Weinzeitung Hans Martin Gessellmann	19
Lisa Perrotti - Wine Advocate	96-98+
Yohan Castaing – Anthocyanes	97-98
Figaro	18,5
JM Quartin	18
Vinum	17,5
Julia Harding	17
Vinous – Antonio Galloni	96
Jeff Leve - Wine Cellar Insider	96
Jeb Dunnuck	96
Inside Bordeaux -Jane Anson	96
Yves Beck	96

Tasting notes from Fabien Teitgen, Winemaker:

This wine is a lovely pale-yellow colour.

The nose is very expressive, revealing very fresh citrus (grapefruit) notes, alongside ripe yellow fruit (peach, apricot, mango), as well as floral and spicy overtones (elderflower, star anise) coming to the fore, enhancing aromatic complexity.

Starts out tight on the palate, becoming concentrated, powerful and rich. The overall impression is a polished wine with wonderful acidity. It has great length, underscored by superb balance between acidity and concentration, and a very soft texture. Yellow fruit and citrus aromas follow through to the palate, underpinned by incredibly complex spices and white flower notes.