

CHATEAU
SMITH HAUT LAFITTE
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ



2019



Yield: 36hl/ha, prior to selection for the estate's three wines: Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte, Les Hauts de Smith and Le Petit Haut Lafitte.

Blend:

59% Cabernet Sauvignon

36% 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: 48 years old

Tasting scores:

En Primeurs:

Inside Bordeaux -Jane Anson	99
James Suckling	99
Wine Advocate – Lisa Perrotti Brown	96-98+
Chris Kissack - Wine Doctor	97-99
Yves Beck	98
Alexandre Ma	98
Adrian Van Velsen	98
Decanter	97
Vinous – Neal Martin	97
Wine Enthusiast – Roger Voss	96-98
Adrian Van Velsen	98
Falstaff – Peter Moser	97
Audrey Marret Terre de vins	97-98
Weinwisser	18,5+
RVF	96-97
Echos – Yohan Castaing	96-98
Jeb Dunnuck	95-97+
Vinous – Antonio Galloni	96
Wine Spectator – James Molesworth	95

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.