SMITH HAVT LAFITTE Grand Vin de Bordeaux



2018

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

97-98	James Suckling
96-98	Roger Voss – WINE ENTHUSIAST
94-96	Lisa Perrotti-Brown – ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATES
94	Jane Anson - DECANTER
95-96	BETTANE & DESSEAUVE
17,5	LE FIGARO VINS
18-18,5	LA RVF

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Smith Haut Lafitte White 2018

Fabien Teitgen's comments, Winemaker

Straw-yellow colour with green highlights.

The nose is relatively discreet at first, with notes of beautifully ripe yellow fruit. Swirling in the glass goes on to reveal a complex aromatic palette of white and yellow fruit (grapefruit, vineyard peach, apricot, citron), white flowers (lime blossom), spices (fresh ginger) and smoky nuances. This wine starts out crisp and delicious on the palate demonstrating a wonderful balance between richness and freshness. The middle palate is rich and displays a lovely velvety texture, culminating in a very long aftertaste that is both fresh and aromatically complex.