

CHATEAU
SMITH HAUT LAFITTE
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ



● **Smith Haut Lafitte 2021**

Organic & biodynamic agriculture



Yield: 22 hl/ha, prior to selection for the estate's three wines: Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte, Les Hauts de Smith and Le Petit Smith Haut Lafitte.

Blend:

63% Cabernet Sauvignon

33% Merlot

3% Cabernet Franc

1% Petit Verdot

Winemaking: Whole grapes are fermented at 28°C in small wooden vats with very soft 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 (average): 48 years old

Bottle authentication by prooftag system

Tasting notes from Fabien Teitgen, Winemaker:

A very open nose of fresh red fruits, raspberry, strawberry, and black fruits, blackberries, blackcurrant). Hints of sweet spices, liquorice, tobacco leaf. Complex and fresh.

On the palate, it is well balanced with a good freshness and great deal of vivacity.

Good concentration with a nice et soft texture, the wine offers a perfect harmony. Very lively, it is full of energy and delivers a great length. Nice complexity of flavors ranging from fresh fruits to spices, cigar box and hint of smoky minerality, faithful to the terroir of Graves.

A great and complexe wine between harmony and smoothness

First notes :

James Suckling : 96/97 – Galloni Vinous : 95/97 – Jancis Robinson : 16,5+ – Jane Anson : 95 – Jeff Leve : 94/96 – Bettane : 95/96