

CHATEAU  
SMITH HAUT LAFITTE  
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ



2018 ●

**BLEND:**

60 % Cabernet Sauvignon

34 % Merlot

4 % Cabernet Franc

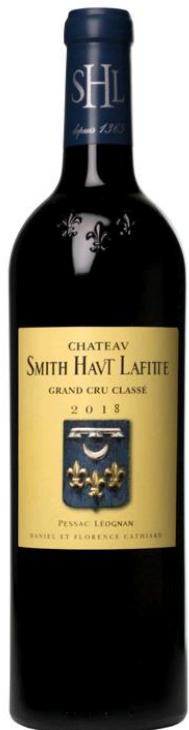
2 % Petit Verdot

**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). After being racked a single time, wine is aged according to its profile.

**AGE OF VINES:** 48 years old



98

Jane Anson - DECANter

98-99

James Suckling

18-19

LA RVF

95-98

James Molesworth – WINE SPECTATOR

18

LE FIGARO VINS

97-99+

Lisa Perrotti-Brown – R.PARKER  
WINE ADVOCATES

95-96

BETTANE & DESSEAUVE

95-97

Roger Voss – WINE ENTHUSIAST

97

Yves BECK 98 JEFF LEVE

97-98

Yohan Castaing – TERRE DE VINS

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## **Smith Haut Lafitte 2018**

### **Fabien Teitgen's comments, Winemarker:**

Very deep, intense black colour. The nose is already expressive with a mix of red and black fruit (blackberry, blackcurrant, cherry, raspberry) and spices, characteristic of perfectly ripe grapes. Swirling in the glass reveals considerable complexity with delicate floral notes, sweet spices, and gunflint.

The wine starts out broad-based, concentrated, and powerful on the palate. The tannin is rich without compromising on freshness, balance, and delicate flavours. The expression "an iron fist in a velvet glove" perfectly sums up this wine!