

CHATEAU
SMITH HAUT LAFITTE
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ



● Smith Haut Lafitte 2020



Yield: 30 hl/ha, prior to selection for the estate's three wines: Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte, Les Hauts de Smith and Le Petit Haut Lafitte.

Blend:

65% Cabernet Sauvignon

30% 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 notes from Fabien Teitgen, Winemaker:

The color of the wine is dark red, almost black with blueish hues. Very expressive on the nose with red fruits and black fruits flavors. A good swirl in the glass release a large range of flavors and spice. Star anis, liquorice as well as empyreumatic notes and flint stones from the gūnzien gravels

It goes very wide and powerful on the palate at first, then the well-defined structure and smoothness of the wine gives it all its balance, fresh and full body.

The length is highlighted by a great tannic structure (from the cabernets which were really outstanding this year), coated with the body of very ripe merlots.

On the palate, it is also highly aromatic with a great fruit expression melted with soft spices, blond tobacco leaves, liquorice and graphite pencil notes.