

CHATEAU  
SMITH HAUT LAFITTE  
Grand Vin de Bordeaux



● **Smith Haut Lafitte 2019**



**Yield:** 32 hl/ha, before production was divided into three wines: Château Smith Haut Lafitte, Les Hauts de Smith, and Le Petit Haut Lafitte.

**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

**Tasting notes from Fabien Teitgen, Winemaker:**

Once again this year, beautiful weather in September gave winegrowers free rein to choose the harvest dates. We therefore had all the wine batches necessary to produce a fine 2019 white Smith Haut Lafitte.

This wine is a lovely pale-yellow colour.

The nose is very expressive, revealing very fresh citrus (grapefruit) notes, alongside ripe yellow fruit (peach, apricot, mango), as well as floral and spicy overtones (elderflower, star anise) coming to the fore, enhancing aromatic complexity.

Starts out tight on the palate, becoming concentrated, powerful and rich. The overall impression is a polished wine with wonderful acidity. It has great length, underscored by superb balance between acidity and concentration, and a very soft texture. Yellow fruit and citrus aromas follow through to the palate, underpinned by incredibly complex spices and white flower notes.

**A beautiful white wine, very emblematic of Smith Haut Lafitte and its terroir.**