

# Château BADETTE

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ  
SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU



Famille Vandenbogaerde

## Vineyard



### Soil

clay-limestone, clay-sand,  
sand-clay



### Work under rows

mechanical



### Mating disruption



### Average density

7,000 vines/ha



### Average age

25 years

## About viticulture

**Grape varieties:** 67% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot.

**Our practices:** No herbicides, Reasoned Agriculture, Green manure and permanent grass cover, Leaf thinning, Green harvest

## Harvests



MANUAL IN CRATES

Sorting: Densitometry, manual

## About vinification

Vinified entirely in 500-litre barrels and small stainless steel vats for plot-by-plot vinification, filled by gravity, with manual punching of the cap.

45-day vatting period with prefermentary cold maceration.

**Total production:** between 40 000 and 60 000 bottles

### Growths:

- Château Badette
- La Fleur de Badette
- Le Grand Monsieur Badette



### Presentation of the winery



### Appellation

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru



### Area

10 ha



### Our values

High Environmental Value (HVE)



### Team

#### M. Arnaud Vandenbogaerde

Owner

#### M. Jean Philippe Fort

Oenologist

#### M. Mathieu Richard

Technical director

## Appellation

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

## Blend

Merlot: 90 %  
Cabernet franc: 7 %  
Petit Verdot: 3 %

## Our barrel-ageing

70% in new barrels, 30% in one-year-old barrels

Yield: 45 hl/ha

Production volume: 25,000 btl

## Technical data

Alcohol content: 13.5 %  
pH: 3.7  
Total acidity: 3.32 g/L

## Tasting note

This wine has an intense, deep red colour with purple highlights. The nose opens with aromas of noble wood, vanilla and a hint of toast, the result of careful barrel ageing, gradually giving way to discreet but elegant fruit, reminiscent of ripe black berries. On the palate, the attack is supple and well-balanced. The structure is underpinned by woody, liquorice tannins that have already melted, giving a lovely roundness. The wine is accessible, with a well-crafted body and a pleasant nish, marked by nesse rather than power. A harmonious, ready-to-drink wine, to be appreciated for its suppleness and classic style.

## Weather conditions

The 2012 Bordeaux vintage was marked by contrasting climatic conditions, requiring great precision in the vineyards. After a rainy spring and late flowering, the hot, dry summer from mid-July onwards favoured ripening, especially on the best terroirs. The staggered veraison meant that the grapes had to be picked green to even out ripeness. The Merlots, which were harvested in excellent condition, were supple and expressive, while the Cabernets, which were harvested later, sometimes suffered from the dampness in October. The wines from the best terroirs reveal colour, ripe fruit, density and freshness. A technical vintage, successful where the choices were right and precise.



Score :

90-91

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This is a solid wine for the vintage with pretty fruit and bright acidity.  
Citrusy undertone. Beautiful.

