

# 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: 85 %  
Cabernet franc: 12 %  
Petit Verdot: 3 %

## Our barrel-ageing

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

Yield: 45 hl/ha

Production volume: 32,000 btl

## Technical data

Alcohol content: 14.5 %  
pH: 3.62  
Total acidity: 3.26 g/L

## Tasting note

Château Badette 2014 opens with an intense nose, dominated by woody notes of mocha, vanilla and toasted bread. With aeration, the fruit takes over brilliantly, revealing a fine maturity. The palate is rich, ample and full-bodied, carried by a generous, warm body. The dense, well structured tannins ensure good ageing potential, while the fine bitters on the finish bring balance and energy. This is a full-bodied, powerful wine that is still evolving, and which will come into its own after a few years' ageing.

## Weather conditions

The 2014 vintage was built in two stages: a cool, wet and uncertain first part of the season, followed by a spectacular turnaround thanks to an exceptionally warm, dry and bright September, followed by a summery October. The conditions at the beginning of the summer limited the concentration of the grapes, but the ideal late season allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and completely, particularly the Cabernets, which expressed themselves particularly well. The harvest, which took place in dry, warm weather, produced healthy, ripe, well balanced grapes. The red wines of the 2014 vintage are more successful than in 2013, with supple, fruity Merlot and elegant, dense, complex Cabernets. A vintage driven by the finesse, freshness and quality of the late season.



# Château Badette 2014

Scores :

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Aromas reminiscent of dark chocolate as well as dark fruits and dried herbs. Chalky texture framed by polished tannins, subtle fruit and a tannin-driven finish. Needs at least three years to soften. Drink now.

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NEAL MARTIN

The 2014 Badette is a wine that shot way above my expectation vis-à-vis its rather perplexing showing from barrel when it felt burdened by the oak regime. Now in bottle, it has an attractive bouquet of blackberry, raspberry and cedar aromas that are very well defined, very composed and nuanced. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, very supple tannins, crisp acidity and a sensual, very satisfying finish that offers plenty of white pepper-tinged black fruit and a long, spicy aftertaste. I just love the brightness to this wine, a vivid Saint Emilion to brighten your senses.

