

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: 16 %
pH: 3.71
Total acidity: 3.4 g/L

Tasting note

This cuvée has a dark, intense colour, heralding a wine of great concentration. The nose is seductively rich, combining ripe black fruit (blackberry, elderberry), bracken, truffle and leather, with smoky, spicy notes of vanilla, toast and roasted wood. Full-bodied and dense on the palate, carried by a fleshy, flavoursome body. The tannins are present, powerful but elegantly constructed, providing structure and ageing potential. The overall impression is one of balance, complexity and promising length. A deep, racy wine, both generous and precise, which will blossom with a few years in the cellar.



Weather conditions

The 2015 vintage was an exceptional year in Bordeaux, combining the five conditions for a great red wine: uniform flowering, progressive water stress, complete ripening, and harvesting in dry, mild weather. After a hot, dry spring, the summer was particularly sunny, with marked water stress which favoured concentration and richness. The rains in August allowed the grapes to ripen again without being diluted excessively, while September and October were dry and moderately warm, providing an ideal window of opportunity for a calm, spread-out harvest. The red wines have excellent density, generous aromatic expression, ripe, silky tannins and excellent ageing potential. A complete vintage, combining power, elegance and balance.



Scores :

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JEB DUNNUCK

A blockbuster from Saint-Emilion, the 2015 Château Badette (95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc, raised in new barrels) is a broad, expansive, opulent beauty that's loaded with ripe dark fruits, chocolate, smoke, and saddle leather aromas and flavors. While a big, rich wine, it stays beautifully balanced and pure, yet dark, chocolatey fruit is certainly the buzzword here. It's a winner and will keep for two decades. This estate covers 10 hectares all located in the lieu-dit of Badette and was purchased in 2012 by a Belgian wine merchant. This is another estate more than worth keeping on your radar.

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LISA PERROTTI BROWN

A blend of 95% Merlot and 5% Cabernet Franc aged in 100% new French oak for 18 months, the 2015 Badette is deep garnet-purple in color with pronounced baked plums, crème de cassis and chocolate-covered cherries on the nose plus black truffles, rose hip tea and spice box nuances. Full-bodied, rich and opulent, hitting the palate with a powerful and compelling wall of black and blue fruits plus oodles of spicy accents, it has gorgeous, velvety tannins and fantastic length.

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JAMES SUCKLING.COM

A pretty and silky young red with blueberry and blackberry character. Full body, ultra-fine tannins and a fresh finish.

