

# Château BADETTE

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ  
SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU



Famille Vandenberghe

## 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 Vandenberghe

Owner

#### M. Jean Philippe Fort

Oenologist

#### M. Mathieu Richard

Technical director

## Appellation

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

## Blend

Merlot: 85 %  
Cabernet franc: 10 %  
Petit Verdot: 5 %

## Our barrel-ageing

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

Yield: 45 hl/ha

Production volume: 30,000 btl

## Technical data

Alcohol content: 15 %  
pH: 3.61  
Total acidity: 3 g/L

## Tasting note

Château Badette 2017 reveals a delicate and precise nose, dominated by aromas of fresh black fruit (blackcurrant, blackberry, blueberry) and wild strawberry, underlined by spicy and oral notes, with a subtle touch of vanilla, liquorice and tonka bean. Juicy and well-balanced on the palate, with good tension and a mineral backbone. The red and black fruits express themselves brilliantly, accompanied by gentle hints of cocoa, pepper and fresh owers. The tannins are ne and slightly tight, giving structure while retaining good elegance. A vintage that is both delicious and structured, already accessible in its youth, but which will gain in complexity with a few years' cellaring.

## Weather conditions

The 2017 vintage will be remembered for the historic frost at the end of April, which had an uneven impact on many vineyards. In the vineyards that were spared, the growing cycle took place under generally favourable conditions: rapid flowering, a dry summer and gradual ripening. The Merlot harvest sometimes had to be brought forward due to rain in early September, but the late-ripening terroirs and the Cabernets benefited from a very fine late season, enabling them to reach optimum ripeness in excellent conditions. The red wines from the best plots have a beautiful colour, bright fruit, fine tannins and a pleasant freshness. Less powerful than previous vintages, they stand out for their balance, accessibility and elegance. A heterogeneous vintage, but one that produced some very fine results on the best terroirs.



Scores: **94** **JEB DUNNUCK**

The 2017 Chateau Badette checks in behind the brilliant 2016, but it certainly isn't far off. Gorgeous cassis and blackberry fruits as well as ample chocolate, mocha, spring flowers, and crushed rock all emerge from the glass, and it's medium to full-bodied, beautifully balanced, pure, and elegant on the palate. The tannin quality here is first-rate. This is an estate readers need to get on their radar as they represent stunning value. The blend here is 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Petit Verdot that spent 12 months in 80% new French oak. Drink bottles any time over the coming 15+ years.

**93** **vinous**

The 2017 Badette is powerful, dense and super-concentrated. Blackberry jam, chocolate, new leather, spice, licorice and plenty of sweet French oak give the 2017 its lush, bold personality. The 2017 has come together nicely during lestage. Most of the angular notes I saw in barrel have softened over time. The 2017 is a super-impressive wine with very good depth, tons of power and plenty of personality. Tasted two times.

**92** **LISA PEROTTI BROWN**

Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, the 2017 Badette strides confidently out of the glass with notes of warm blackberries, black cherries and plum preserves plus wafts of cedar chest, pencil lead and black truffles. Big, concentrated and full-bodied in the mouth, the muscular fruit has a sturdy, rather rugged frame and a firm finish.

**92** **THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER**

Forward, rich, ripe, lush, and fruity, with black cherries, chocolate, licorice, mocha, and espresso in every delicious, sniff and sip. You can already enjoy this or give it further aging. Drink from 2022-2034.

**91** **JAMES SUCKLING.COM**

Deep color and ripe dark berries abound with hints of chocolate and espresso. The palate has impressive, fleshy richness, supple and smooth tannins and a long, juicy and resolved finish. The oak rides high for now. Try from 2023

