

# 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

M. Arthur Debeugny  
Technical manager

## Appellation

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

## Blend

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

## Our barrel-ageing

67% in new barrels, 33% in one-year-old barrels

Yield: 45 hl/ha

Production volume: 32 000 btl

## Technical data

Alcohol content: 14.5 %  
pH: 3.54  
Total acidity: 3.82 g/L

## Tasting note

Château Badette 2018 has a deep, dark colour, the sign of a wine of great concentration. The nose opens with generous aromas of ripe black fruit (plum, blueberry, cherry), underlined by elegant oak and hints of sweet spices and cedar. On the palate, the attack is full and velvety. The tannins are present but ripe, providing structure and depth. The whole is balanced by a lovely freshness that carries the wine through to a long, slightly mineral finish. This is a dense, expressive and promising wine, which should be left to age for a few years to gain in finesse. It goes perfectly with tasty meats such as a shoulder of lamb confit or a fine piece of grilled beef.

## Weather conditions

The 2018 vintage got off to a tense start with a particularly wet spring, marked by heavy bouts of mildew and hail, sometimes affecting yields. From mid-July onwards, a dry, hot and long-lasting summer set in, offering exceptional conditions right up to the end of the harvest. The red grapes, harvested at optimum ripeness and in excellent health, produced deep, rich, structured and concentrated wines, with good freshness despite high alcohol levels. The Merlots are dense and smooth, the Cabernets racy and aromatic, with ripe, harmonious tannins. The 2018 vintage is proving to be a great success throughout the Bordeaux wine-growing region.



## Scores :

93-95

LISA PERROTTI BROWN

The 2018 Badette comes from the lieu-dit Badette in Saint-Christophe-des-Bardes. The Blend is 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot. The wine is aging in 50% new and 50% second year oak barrels and the estimated aging regimen will run 18 months. With 14% alcohol and a deep purple-black color, it sings of crushed blueberries, warm plums and chocolate-covered cherries with a cedar-kissed undercurrent and loads of exotic spice sparks—cassis, fenugreek and star anise—plus a waft of forest floor. Full-bodied and richly fruited in the mouth, it has a wonderful line of freshness, with finely grained tannins and a long, mineral-tinged finish.

94

JEB DUNNUCK

This estate continues to fire on all cylinders, and they've produced a beautiful 2018 Château Badette based on 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, and the rest Petit Verdot aged 18 months in 50% new French oak. Its deep purple hue is followed by rock star notes of blueberries, cassis, candied violets, toasty oak, and graphite. Developing plenty of classic Saint-Emilion chalky minerality with time in the glass, it's medium to full-bodied and has an elegant, pretty texture, stays light on its feet, yet still has impressive concentration as well as building tannins. Buy a case, give bottles 2-4 years, and enjoy over the following decade or more.

94

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

Deeply colored, with an assertive nose of espresso, licorice, cocoa, black cherry and smoke, the wine is concentrated, full-bodied, ripe, round, opulent and fruity. There is lift, energy and length here on the palate along with loads of sweet, dark fruits, licorice, oak and chocolate in the voluptuous finish. The wine was made from blending 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot.

93

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The 2018 Badette is an exciting wine. Inky blue/purplish fruit, chocolate, licorice, spice, lavender and mocha all blast out of the glass. Unctuous and flamboyant to the core Badette is one of the more overt, opulent wines readers will find in Saint-Émilion and yet it has plenty of supporting vibrancy to play off its richness. All the elements come together so effortlessly. The blend is 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot.

92-93

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

A tight and polished red with dark-berry, chocolate and hazelnut character. Medium body, refined tannins and a flavorful finish.

