

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: 80 %
Cabernet franc: 15 %
Petit Verdot: 5 %

Our barrel-ageing

50% en barrique neuves, 50% en barriques d'un an

Yield: 45 hl/ha

Production volume: 25 000 btl

Technical data

Alcohol content: 15 %
pH: 3.62
Total acidity: 3.90 g/L

Tasting note

Château Badette 2020 immediately captivates with its deep, almost black color. The nose is intense and complex, marked by aromas of cooked blackberry, black plum, and kirsch, enriched with elegant woody notes (cedar, licorice), sweet spices, and a hint of eucalyptus. On the palate, the wine is broad and generous, supported by a dense texture and remarkable aromatic richness. Ripe black fruits intertwine with exotic nuances and slightly tarry notes. The structure is solid, with firm yet well-integrated tannins, and a remarkable freshness that brings perfect balance. The finish is long, opulent, and indicative of excellent ageing potential. A refined, powerful, and harmonious vintage.

Weather conditions

The 2020 vintage in Bordeaux ranks among the very fine years despite a contrasting climate. The growing cycle was early, with budbreak and flowering advancing under summer-like conditions as early as spring. The hot, dry summer encouraged rapid ripening, with varying levels of water stress depending on the terroir. Harvesting began in late August for the white varieties (which showed excellent sanitary conditions), followed by the Merlots in early September under fair weather. The Cabernets were sometimes picked quickly at the end of September ahead of Storm Alex. The red wines are structured, dense, and well-balanced: Merlots are fruity, deeply colored, and flavorful, while Cabernets are intense and fresh without excessive greenness. It is a remarkable success for early-ripening terroirs, offering harmony and excellent ageing potential.



Scores :

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Tasted on multiple occasions, the 2020 Château Badette comes from a tiny 7.58 hectare vineyard located on iron and clay soils. The blend is 80% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Petit Verdot, and the élevage spanned 16 months in 80% new barrels. It has a gorgeous nose of blueberries, cassis, spring flowers, and chocolaty oak. This carries to a medium to full-bodied Saint-Emilion with ripe, integrated tannins, the vintage's pure, focused profile, and a great finish. This brilliant effort will shine for 15-20+ years from cold cellars.

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THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

Flowers, chocolate, espresso, licorice, smoke, blackberries and plum notes shoot from the glass. The wine is rich, lush, full-bodied and opulent, with layers of non-stop fruits in the long finish. This is not only an estate to keep your eye on as they are on a roll, but this is clearly the best vintage they have produced yet. Drink from 2023-2042.

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The Wine Independent

The 2020 Badette is deep garnet-purple in color. Notions of cedar and spice box dominate the nose before giving way to notes of mince pie, plum pudding, and Chinese five spice, plus hints of tobacco leaf and tilled soil. The full-bodied palate wears the oak well, with generous black fruits and loads of spicy accents, framed by firm, grainy tannins, finishing with compelling freshness.

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Aromas of ripe berries, licorice, cocoa, dried flowers and graphite. Medium-bodied with fine-grained, polished tannins and a silky texture. Smooth and refined with a lingering finish. Drink or hold.

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Decanter

Rich, potent and full on. Clearly very alcoholic and ripe, with broad shoulders and lots of muscle on show, yet there is refinement. 15% alcohol, but it wears it well; strong and powerful, with concentration and intensity that will soften. The texture is sleek, tannins are fine and incorporated, and there's good acidity. Too much right now but there is style here, the cool blue fruits and liquorice tang are lovely.

