

# 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

M. Arthur Debeugny

Technical manager

## Appellation

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

## Blend

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

## Our barrel-ageing

75% in new barrels, 25% in one-year-old barrels

Yield: 45 hl/ha

Production volume: 21,500 btl

## Technical data

Alcohol content: 14.5 %  
pH: 3.56  
Total acidity: 4.19 g/L

## Tasting note

Château Badette 2021 has a lightly toasted nose, offering freshness, elegance and precision, with aromas of black cherry, violet and red berries, accompanied by touches of liquorice, star anise, tart blackberry and a hint of nutmeg. Fresh and racy on the palate, with a fine minerality and controlled tension. It reveals notes of juicy blackberry, tangy black fruit, raspberry and bigarreau cherry, enriched by fine hints of toast. The finish is long, underpinned by elegant, well-integrated tannins.

## Weather conditions

The 2021 vintage was marked by three major events. The frosts of 6, 7 and 8 April, which occurred when the vines were ahead of schedule, caused major damage in the most sensitive areas. Bordeaux was relatively spared, however, with average losses of around 30%. A wet and overcast spring then led to high levels of fungal disease, requiring a high level of technical reactivity. Finally, uncertain weather at the end of September made harvest decisions crucial. Those who waited were rewarded with an exceptional month of October, when the grapes reached optimum ripeness.



Scores : **91-93** **JEB DUNNUCK**

Still aging in new barrels, the 2021 Château Badette (75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Petit Verdot) is one of the bigger, richer wines in the vintage, yet it still plays in the fresher, elegant end of the spectrum. Lots of red and blue fruits, background oak, medium to full-bodied richness, and a ripe, rounded, opulent mouthfeel all define this charming, forward, undeniably delicious 2021. It's going to drink nicely right out of the gate. Harvest here took place on the 8th of October, with healthy yields of 40-hectoliters per hectare, malolactic fermentation occurred in barrels, and it will spend 18 months in oak. Tasted numerous times.

**91-93** **THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER**

Chocolate-covered black cherries, licorice, flowers, espresso and spice are found in the nose and on the soft, round, plush and polished, fruity palate. Drink from 2023-2039.

**92** **JEB DUNNUCK**

One hell of a 2021 based on 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and the rest Petit Verdot, the 2021 Château Badette is fruit-loaded and as opulent as the vintage gets, offering medium to full-bodied aromas and flavors of ripe blue fruits, chocolaty oak, graphite, and spice. This ripe, modern-styled Saint-Emilion is balanced and has fine, polished tannins and a beautiful finish. It's another brilliant wine from this team that's well worth seeking out and drinking over the coming 10-12 years or more.

**92** **JAMES SUCKLING.COM**

Such a refined nose showing a smoky note to the truffles, dark chocolate, pine cones and blackberries. Fine-grained and fresh with medium to full body and a long, tight finish. Plenty of plush oak that shows vanilla and cocoa beans at this stage, but they will meld nicely as it ages. Try from 2025.

