

# 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  
Grand Cru Classé de Saint-Émilion

## Blend

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

## Our barrel-ageing

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

Yield: 53 hl/ha

Production volume: 25 000 btl

## Technical data

Alcohol content: 15.5 %  
pH: 3.52  
Total acidity: 3.92 g/L

## Tasting note

The Château Badette 2022 opens with an expressive nose, blending aromas of candied black cherry, fresh blackcurrant, and small blue berries, enriched with notes of dark chocolate, licorice, blond tobacco, and gentle spices. The ensemble is elegant and precise, with beautiful aromatic intensity. On the palate, it captivates with its freshness and balance. It reveals juicy, plump fruit (morello cherry, blackberry, blueberry), supported by a lively, mineral-acidic backbone. Mentholated and spicy hints add dynamism, bringing depth and vibrancy. The tannins, supple and ripe, provide a solid structure without harshness. The finish, persistent with a subtle licorice note, hints at excellent aging potential. A wine that is simultaneously indulgent, fresh, and refined—already approachable in its youth but destined for graceful maturation.

## Weather conditions

The 2022 vintage was marked by extreme weather, with record heat, drought, and sunshine. After a dry winter and a few spring frosts that had no impact, the vines benefited from a warm, dry May. June rains proved essential in coping with a scorching summer, producing small, concentrated, and healthy berries. The harvest, free from sanitary pressure, allowed each grape variety to be picked at optimal ripeness. The reds are powerful, elegant, and fresh, with fleshy, balanced Merlots and Cabernet Francs that bring brightness and tension.



Scores : **95** **JEB DUNNUCK**

The inky-hued 2022 Château Badette checks in as a blend of 67% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc, and the rest Petit Verdot raised in two-thirds new oak. It has a powerful, concentrated, full-bodied style as well as beautiful aromatics of ripe black cherries, blackberries, smoked tobacco, graphite, and crushed stone. I love its overall balance. It's a more modern styled yet still mineral-driven Saint-Emilion that will take 5-7 years to shed its baby fat and evolve gracefully over the following two decades.

**94-95** **JAMES SUCKLING.COM**

Lots of fruit and intensity with blackberry, chocolate and walnut character. Full body, but remains tensioned and focused. Chewy at the end.

**94** **THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER**

Oaky in the nose, so allow it some air, or time in the decanter before all of its richly textured, luscious fruits on the palate provide their layers of chocolatey plums, licorice, and black cherries on the mid-palate and finish. Yes, the wine is rich, corpulent, and hedonistic, but it is also fresh, creamy, and long. Drink from 2026-2045

**93** **Decanter**

Ripe fruit scents of plum, raisin and blackcurrant with vanilla, rose and dark chocolate. Ripe, sweet dark fruit meets high acidity giving this a bit of a push/pull of textures and flavours on the palate. It's fairly intense, with a wide frame and firm, massy tannins but there's freshness and lift despite the 15.5% alcohol. Touches of drying toast, liquorice and aniseed on the finish. I'd wait a few years before opening this.

