

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
Grand Cru Classé de Saint-Émilion

Blend

Merlot: 75 %
Cabernet franc: 20 %
Petit Verdot: 5 %

Our barrel-ageing

66% in new barrels, 34% in one-year-old barrels

Yield: 45 hl/ha

Production volume: 25 000 btl

Technical data

Alcohol content: 15.5 %
pH: 3.64
Total acidity: 4.1 g/L

Tasting note

The nose has a toasty character, with controlled richness, freshness and good aromatic definition. It opens with notes of fresh black cherry, violet and red berries, accompanied by hints of liquorice, star anise, tangy blackberry and a hint of nutmeg. The palate is distinguished by its freshness, minerality and fine tension. It reveals aromas of juicy blackberry, tangy black berries, raspberry, cherry and liquorice, complemented by hints of toast and toasted oak. The nish is long, carried by elegant, well-integrated tannins.

Weather conditions

The year 2023 in Bordeaux was marked by contrasting weather conditions, requiring a high level of responsiveness in the vineyards. Moderate budburst prevented frosts, but very high downy mildew pressure had a variable impact on the vineyards, depending on the terroirs and practices. Flowering was rapid and uniform, and took place under good conditions. Despite a staggered veraison, the summer, punctuated by thunderstorms and a scorching late August, favoured regular ripening, while keeping the grapes fresh. The harvest benefited from a favourable late season. The Merlots are charming and expressive.



Scores : **96** **JEB DUNNUCK**

Deep purple-hued, the 2023 Château Badette reveals brilliant aromatics of black cherries and currant fruits intermixed with roasted herbs, truffles, chocolate, and hints of smoky tobacco. Based on 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Petit Verdot that spent 18 months in 66% new French oak with the balance in one-year-old barrels, it's rich and medium to full-bodied on the palate, with remarkable fruit and depth, sweet tannins, and a great finish. A sensational Saint-Emilion that should be snatched up by savvy readers, it ranks with the crème de la crème of the vintage. You'll be excused for drinking a bottle today, but it will benefit from 3-4 years of bottle age and cruise for two decades in a cold cellar. Drink 2029-2046.

94 **Decanter**

Fleshy and chewy this has a glorious ripeness but also a juicy undercurrent. The tannins are definitely doing the talking right now, they're filling and grippy but this also has a sense of fun to it and will be lovely when the time comes. Friendly, full, concentrated yet with just enough restraint to not be overwhelming. Lovely.

94 **Yves Beck**

The oak has been beautifully integrated into the wine! Notes of black berries, licorice, and a hint of candied fruit take the lead, all under the attentive watch of the barrels. Creamy on the attack, the wine wins you over with its charm and harmony. It shows breadth and vigor, supported by a valuable touch of acidity. This acidity slightly tempers the power and refines the wine's warm ambitions. Balance is beginning to take shape, which is a promising sign for Badette. Bright prospects are on the horizon.

93 **JAMES SUCKLING.COM**

Cassis, chocolate, dark mushrooms and cedary blackberries. Quite rich, full-bodied and polished, with abundant, cohesive tannins giving a tight mouthfeel. This successfully pushes toward ultraripeness without tipping into jamminess, a good choice if you're looking for a more hedonistic expression from Bordeaux. Drink or hold.

92 **THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER**

Flowers, chocolate, cherries, licorice, and espresso are what you find before hitting the core of lush, creamy, soft, polished, sweet, red fruits that taste and feel great. Drink from 2028-2039.

