

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: 65 %
Cabernet franc: 30 %
Petit Verdot: 5 %

Our barrel-ageing

60% in new barrels, 40% in one-year-old barrels

Yield: 45 hl/ha

Technical data

Alcohol content: 14.5 %

Tasting comment

The nose opens with enticing aromas of blackcurrant, black and red cherries, enriched by notes of cocoa, chocolate, liquorice, and tobacco, with a touch of sweet spices and black pepper adding complexity and freshness.

On the palate, the wine is full, dense, and silky, supported by a beautiful concentration of fruit. The tannins, structured and well integrated, are balanced by a lively and precise acidity that brings energy and highlights an elegant mineral backbone.

The finish is long, persistent, and harmonious, marked by purity of fruit, finesse, and refined complexity, suggesting good ageing potential.

Weather conditions

This year is notable for an exceptionally early harvest, brought forward by two weeks, a direct result of a growth cycle accelerated by extreme weather conditions. Following a very wet winter, the scorching summer produced small but concentrated berries, offering a fine balance between acidity and aromatic richness. The winemaking process requires particular attention: gentle pressing, careful management of pectins and precise control of fermentation to preserve the wine's suppleness and aromatic precision. Despite high alcohol levels, the wines promise to be elegant, delicious and endowed with lovely freshness. This vintage promises refined wines, appealing from their youth, but also capable of evolving harmoniously over several years.



Scores : **94-96+** **JEB DUNNUCK**

A Merlot-heavy blend of 75% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Petit Verdot that will spend 18 months in 60% new French oak, the 2025 Château Badette has absolutely gorgeous aromatics of ripe black cherries, currants, smoky tobacco, graphite, and chocolate. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, with a concentrated, layered mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and beautifully integrated acidity, hitting 14.5% alcohol. It's a sexy, pleasure-bent, impeccably made effort that should be snatched up by readers.

94-95 *Yves Beck*

Hints of cocoa beans and candied black berries inevitably awaken indulgent ambitions! They are complemented by notes of liquorice and raspberries, adding a touch of freshness as well. Dense and smooth on the attack, the wine shows powerful yet well-integrated tannins that combine with a structuring acidity, somewhat channeling an expanding breadth. A flavorful and persistent wine that will require patience!

93-94 **JAMES SUCKLING.COM**

Very subtle and refined, with a medium body, integrated tannins and a long and persistent finish. Lovely depth of fruit. A lot going on.

93 **Decanter**

Ripe, sun-kissed blackcurrant and black cherries on the nose. Fleshy and ample but with super bright, almost piercing, tart acidity, that instantly lifts the expression while the tannins linger on the tongue. Bright and bold, lots going on here. Nothing dry or overdone. A confident style that will find fans.

93 **THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER**

Blackberries, boysenberries, licorice and cherry jam pack the fruity profile. The palate is round, lush, fruity, and creamy. The concentrated finish delivers its chocolate-coated black cherries with a refreshing touch of salt and a touch of mint that adds a refreshing edge to the wine. Drink from 2029-2050.

93 **JANE ANSON**
INSIDE BORDEAUX

Concentrated plum and black cherry fruit, this is intense and flavourful, cold ash, cloves and campfire smoke, high impact and some intense fairly raw acidities, but plenty of potential over ageing, with bilberry and cassis fruits.

