



Château Smith Haut Lafitte 2025

AOC Pessac-Léognan, Grand Cru Classé, Bordeaux, France

PRESENTATION

The sophisticated bouquet of Smith Haut Lafitte's white wines is renowned worldwide.

TERROIR

The terroir has such a strong character that it gave its name to the region: "Les Graves." These gravelly soils consist of a layer of alluvial, sandy, and stony deposits laid down on a Tertiary limestone subsoil by the turbulent rivers and glaciers of the early Quaternary period, which were subsequently eroded into a ridge. At Smith Haut Lafitte, the soil consists of one of the rare thick, ochre-colored Gunzian gravel ridges, characterized by its high iron oxide content. This soil is ideal for viticulture because it is well-drained, very poor in nutrients, warm on the surface, yet retains a certain coolness and moisture at depth (clay or limestone).

WINEMAKING

Following hand harvesting in small crates and inert pressing, fermentation takes place in French oak barrels (40% new oak) after cold static settling.

AGEING

12 months on the lees in barrels (50% new and 50% previously used for one vintage) from our own on-site cooperage.

VARIETALS

Sauvignon blanc 90%, Sauvignon gris 5%,
Sémillon 5%

13.00 % VOL.

TECHNICAL DATA

Yield: 18 hL/ha
Age of vines: 39 years old

AGEING POTENTIAL

10-15 ans



TASTING

"A pale, bright yellow color. The nose is delicate and very fresh, with a hint of peppermint. Quickly, notes of fresh citrus emerge (yellow and pink grapefruit, mandarin), intertwined with aromas of yellow fruits such as white peach and fresh apricot. With further aeration, more subtle notes of white flowers and spicy nuances of star anise appear, characteristic of Smith Haut Lafitte.

In line with this ripe yet fresh nose, the palate opens with a lively, dynamic attack and a beautiful sense of energy. The wine then broadens and gains amplitude, offering a harmonious balance between richness, roundness, and freshness. It extends into a long, persistent finish where creaminess and salinity intertwine, supported by a vibrant tension.

The palate reflects the complexity of the nose, with a ripe dimension of yellow fruits, sweet spices, broom flowers, star anise, and dried herbs. The aromatics are captivating and evolve towards very fresh notes with a hint of flint.

A superb Château Smith Haut Lafitte Blanc, true to its terroir, displaying great harmony, both generous and fresh."

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