

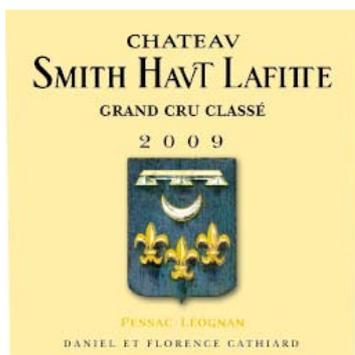
CHÂTEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE

CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES



PESSAC-LÉOGNAN

Owners: Florence and Daniel Cathiard



This great growth owes its reputation as “the quintessential Graves” to its superb Günz gravel terroir in a single block. The estate’s history dates back to the Crusades. The Scottish navigator Georges Smith acquired the château in the 18th century followed later by Monsieur Duffour-Dubergier, Mayor of Bordeaux, and a famous family of negociants.

Since its purchase by Florence and Daniel Cathiard in 1990, Smith Haut Lafitte has become one of the leading lights of Bordeaux thanks to its elegant, powerful and complex red and white wines. In twenty-two years, the owners have brought the wine of Smith Haut Lafitte up to the very highest level thanks to a unique working philosophy, the Bio Precision combining the best of nature (symbiosis between the vines, the terroir, and the ecosystem) and the best of science (state-of-the-art methods such as satellite imagery and measuring electrical resistivity of the soil down to the centimetre). A stop at Château Smith Haut Lafitte is a must for visitors to the Bordeaux region, and the estate is open seven days a week. Come and discover the 16th century tower, two underground cellars (one of which has a passive or even positive energy balance), the integrated cooperage, and see horses ploughing the vineyard in front of the windows of Les Sources de Caudalie and its famous spa.

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| Area under vine | 67 hectares |
| Production | Red wine: 120,000 bottles - White wine: 38,000 bottles |
| Soil | Günz gravel |
| Grape varieties | Red wine: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 9% Cabernet franc, 1% Petit Verdot White wine: 90% Sauvignon blanc, 5% Sauvignon gris, 5% Sémillon |
| Barrel ageing | Red wine: 18 months - White wine: 12 months - New barrels: Red wine: 60% - White wine: 50% |
| Second wine | Les Hauts de Smith - Le Petit Haut Lafitte |

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