



HOUSE OF TOWNEND

FAMILY WINE MERCHANTS SINCE 1906

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## Le Faîte Rouge

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<b>Price</b>	£23.49
<b>Code</b>	FAIT005

Le Faîte, either red or white, is the iconic wine of the Saint Mont appellation. Blending of this Grand Cru is an unmissable annual event, conducted by big names in wine and food. Le Faîte's wooden label pays tribute to the winegrowers of the past who kept their exceptional wines under the clay soil, identified by a slither of wood.

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### Tasting Notes:

The red Le Faîte (from Tannat, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinenc grapes) is produced from several of the best terroirs in the Aignan, Plaisance, and Saint Mont. They comprise limestone and variegated clay soils, and fawn-coloured sand. The parcels are old enough for the vine roots to accept regulated water, and have been selected for their cool geographical situations in order to produce grapes bursting with all the power and freshness the area's microclimate can bestow. The wine is well structured, and develops an aromatic complexity of black fruit (blackberry, blackcurrant) and liqueur, underlined by subtly toasted notes.

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Specification	
<b>Vinification</b>	A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, local Pinenc and the mighty Tannat grapes, grown in the cool and moist hills of the St Mont appellation in Gascony. Protection of the vineyard is sustainable thanks to the latest-generation equipment and techniques. The wine is barrel-aged for 12 months, then spends a further 4 months in tank to bring complete harmony to the cuvée. The blend is put together annually by a committee of wine professionals, celebrities and the winemakers at the Caves.
<b>ABV</b>	14.5%
<b>Size</b>	75cl
<b>Drinking Window</b>	Drink now
<b>Country</b>	France
<b>Region</b>	Gascony
<b>Area</b>	Pays du Gers
<b>Sub Area</b>	Saint Mont
<b>Type</b>	Red Wine
<b>Grape Mix</b>	Tannat, Cabernet Sauvignon and Pinenc grape blend.
<b>Genres</b>	Vegan, Vegetarian
<b>Vintage</b>	2017
<b>Body</b>	Rich, bold and robust
<b>Producer</b>	Producteurs Plaimont
<b>Producer Overview</b>	Situated in the heart of South-West France, the Plaimont vineyards stretch from the foothills of the Pyrenees to the hills and valleys of Gascony covering a uniquely rich terroir.
<b>Closure Type</b>	Cork
<b>Food Matches</b>	This wine goes very well with finely sliced cured ham. Or try with duck breast stuffed with mushrooms. Equally a good accompaniment to fine cheeses.
<b>Press Comments</b>	Decanter 2022, Andy Howard's Top Wines from South West France: "Over the past 10 years, Producteurs Plaimont has confirmed its reputation as one of the powerhouses of French wine production, yet still proceeds to drive the quality and innovation bar even higher. Le Faite is a top of the range Saint mont with an intriguing nose of wild flowers and leafy raspberry. Oak is evident and needs a little longer to fully integrate. Weighty palate with masses of concentration, dark berry fruit, ripe tannins and fresh acidity keeping everything in balance. A fine example of how good Saint Mont can be."