



Clos Cantenac
 Saint-Emilion
 GRAND CRU



2011 CLOS CANTENAC GRAND CRU

WINEMAKER: Valérie Valmy
REGION: St-Emilion, France
VARIETALS: Merlot
MATURATION: 18 months in 100% French oak barrels (40% new)
ALCOHOL: 13.0% alc/vol

VINTAGE:

Clos Cantenac is made from 16-year-old estate vines planted in one south-west facing five acre block. 2011 has been described in Bordeaux as ‘the year of living dangerously’ starting with a very early budburst in late March. Normal weather patterns persisted during spring flowering followed by summer occurrences of heatwaves, hail, very little rain, lots of rain, cold and hot temperature fluctuations, and the earliest harvest on record.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand harvested at the start of September and immediately underwent a cold maceration for five to seven days to develop fruit aromas prior to fermentation. After the fermentation was complete, the wine underwent a ten day maceration period to refine the tannins and was followed by malolactic fermentation before transferring to French oak barrels for 18 months of aging before bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

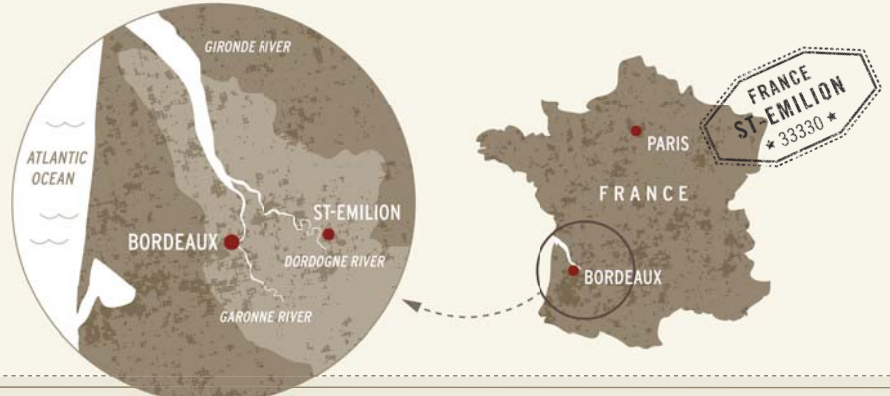
Vibrant purple in color. Good aromatic range on the nose, starting with notes of blackcurrant, and raspberry then developing to Havana cigar, mocha and a very subtle hint of graphite. Smooth on the palate, underlined by silky tannins and an extremely long, elegant finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts/YEAR'S BEST BORDEAUX LIST Wine & Spirits, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

CLOS CANTENAC:

Clos Cantenac is a small but seductive 15 acre property with carefully planted vines on an exceptional “terroir” of deep gravel, sand and clay over limestone situated close to the prehistoric “Megalith de Pierrefitte.” This enchanting Saint Emilion vineyard was purchased in January 2007 by Martin Krajewski, already the owner of Chateau de Sours, along with his great friend and wine enthusiast Marcus Le Grice from New Zealand. The pair immediately made a multitude of vineyard improvements and renovated the ancient 200 year old winery in preparation for the first harvest in late September 2007. Clos Cantenac proudly respects both the history and culture of the region to traditionally craft these fine Grand Cru wines.



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