



*Clos Cantenac*  
 Saint-Emilion  
 GRAND CRU



## 2011 PETIT CANTENAC GRAND CRU

**WINEMAKER:** Valérie Valmy  
**REGION:** St-Emilion, France  
**VARIETALS:** Merlot (80%), Cabernet Sauvignon (15%), Cabernet Franc (5%)  
**MATURATION:** 18 months in 100% French oak barrels (30% new)  
**ALCOHOL:** 13.5% alc/vol

### VINTAGE:

The Petit 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 with normal weather patterns during spring flowering followed by a 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 in mid-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.

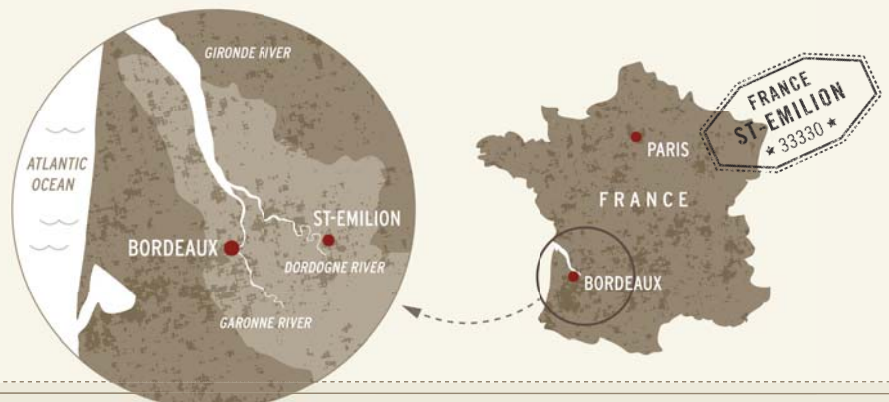
### TASTING NOTES:

On the nose, powerful aromas of ripe plums and cherries develop into more complex notes of forest floor, moss, spice and toast, as well as a hint of licorice and menthol. Seductively supple on the palate, with generous, well-balanced, smooth tannins and a persistent finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** Not yet reviewed.

### 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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