



Clos Cantenac

Saint-Emilion
GRAND CRU



2012 PETIT CANTENAC GRAND CRU

WINEMAKER: Valérie Valmy
REGION: St-Emilion, France
VARIETALS: Merlot (85%), Cabernet Franc (9%), Cabernet Sauvignon (6%)
MATURATION: 20 months in 100% French oak barrels (40% new)
ALCOHOL: 13.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE:

The 2012 vintage started well with a cold winter but during spring the weather became quite difficult and unpredictable. Bud break was three weeks later than normal but the summer was warm to hot, with dry conditions creating very concentrated berries. The harvest began in late September but was interrupted by some rain and very cold temperatures. It re-commenced on the 2nd of October under perfect harvest conditions. Despite another roller coaster year in Bordeaux the final quality of the fruit was high.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand harvested 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 fifteen day maceration period to refine the tannins and was followed by malolactic fermentation before transferring to French oak barrels for 20 months of aging before bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

Fresh, lush and rich aromas of black plums, cassis, cherries and figs develop into more complex notes of fine leather, spice and soft vanillary new oak. Full bodied with a pleasant attack of soft tannins. It is a savory and delicious wine, quite forward in style, with an elegant and rounded blackberry and plum finish that displays good restraint and poise.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 88 pts Wine Enthusiast, 88 pts Wine & Spirits

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



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