



Clos Cantenac
 Saint-Emilion
 GRAND CRU



2014 PETIT CANTENAC GRAND CRU

WINEMAKER: Valérie Valmy
REGION: St-Emilion, France
VARIETALS: Merlot (90%), Cabernet Franc (7%), Cabernet Sauvignon (3%)
MATURATION: 24 months in 100% French oak barrels (40% new)
ALCOHOL: 13.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE:

It was the wettest winter in Bordeaux since 2001 but spring was warm prompting an early bud break. Mid-April witnessed a large storm and associated mildew pressure before the weather turned hot through the summer. August was very changeable and wet causing some consternation to all but thankfully the weather warmed and dried, remaining so until harvest. A bookended vintage that saw good volumes and good quality.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand harvested and transported to the winery where some juice was drained in order to concentrate the must. A seven day cold maceration followed to help develop primary fruit aromas. Fermentation lasted five days at medium temperatures with regular pumpovers. The wine then underwent a fifteen day, post-ferment maceration period to further refine the tannins. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrels (40% new French oak and 60% second use French oak). The wines were aged for 24 months before bottling.

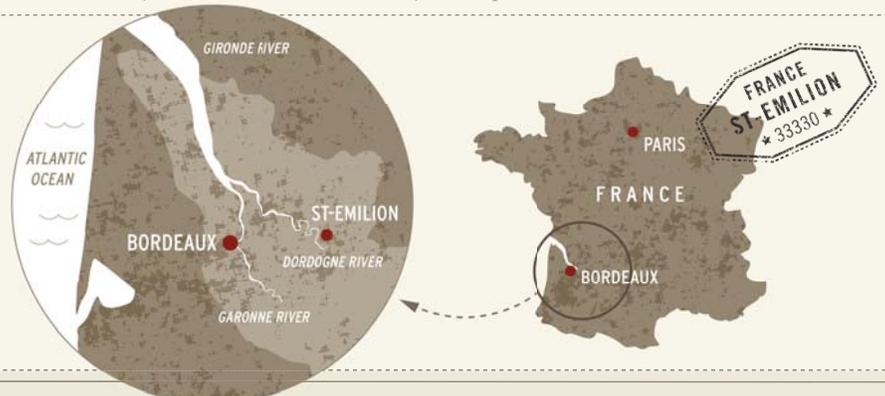
TASTING NOTES:

Fresh, rich aromas of black plums, cassis, cherry, raspberry, figs, and fine leather, with hints of licorice, spice and soft vanillary new oak. On the palate, it is full-bodied on the entry, with rich tannins and some delicate smokey characters that lead towards rounded and supple dark fruit notes. Quiet forwards in style it is drinking well now, but will also continue to develop nicely in the bottle.

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



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