



*Clos Cantenac*  
 Saint-Emilion  
 GRAND CRU



## 2017 CLOS CANTENAC L'EXUBERANCE ROSÉ

**WINEMAKER:** Lolly Krajewski  
**REGION:** St-Emilion, France  
**VARIETALS:** Merlot (93%), Cabernet Franc (5%), Cabernet Sauvignon (2%)  
**MATURATION:** 50% stainless steel; 50% in French oak barrels (15% new)  
**ALCOHOL:** 12.5% alc/vol

### VINTAGE:

2017 will go down as the year of the frost, but it is clear that this really was a vintage of haves, have-nots and those somewhere in between. For those vineyards that weren't hit, the grape quality was often excellent. Flowering began in May and was not affected by the heavy rain at the end of June. July was mixed and August was fairly hot and dry. The end result for Clos Cantenac was also a tale of two halves, a much lower production than usual due to the frost but very high-quality fruit that was not affected.

### WINEMAKING:

The grapes were harvested by hand and immediately sorted and de-stemmed. The must was left for several hours to extract its delightful color and was then gently pressed. Half of the juice was fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel, the balance was fermented in French oak, 15% of those being new. The barrel components were aged for five months on lees with regular batonnage before being bottled.

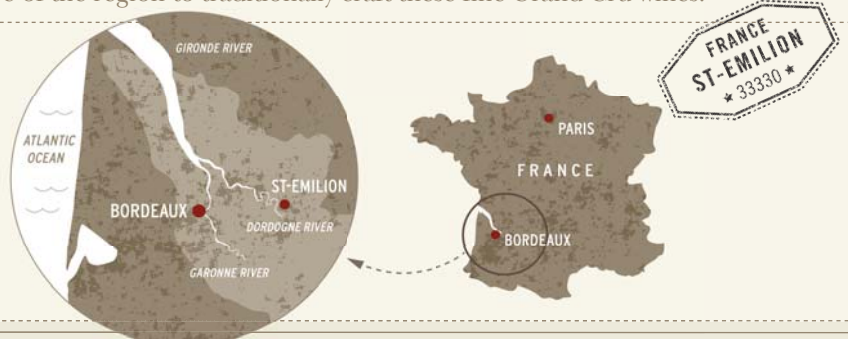
### TASTING NOTES:

Intense aromas of ripe cherries, raspberries and wild strawberries, with further notes of grapefruit, bay leaf and green peppers. The palate shows the same register of complex red summer berry fruit flavors with a soft attack of smokiness, spicy bananas and more delicate notes of vanilla and caramel. It is a very seductive style of rosé, long and fresh, yet perfectly balanced by a lovely refreshing acidity and with a long dry silky 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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