

# 2019 CLOS CANTENAC

## PETIT CANTENAC GRAND CRU



**WINEMAKER:** Charlotte Krajewski  
**REGION:** St-Emilion, France  
**VARIETALS:** Merlot (85%), Cabernet Franc (10%), Cabernet Sauvignon (5%)  
**MATURATION:** 12 months in 100% French oak barrels (20% new)  
**ALCOHOL:** 14.0% alc/vol

**VINTAGE:** A very good to excellent vintage, 2019 wasn't at all straightforward, providing heat waves, a drought and a rainy finish in late September. Still, it was an enjoyable long, dry summer and harvest with none of the disasters of the two previous years. The rain actually brought some much welcomed refreshment for the vines and so when it then cleared, the fruit was ready and harvest was finished by early October.

**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 15-day post-ferment maceration period to further refine the tannins. Malolactic fermentation took place in barrels. The wines were aged for 12 months before bottling.

**TASTING NOTES:** The wine shows deep red and is marked by fresh and lush notes of rich black plums, cassis, raspberry, figs, and fine leather with hints of ginger, spice and soft vanilla. On the palate, it is full-bodied with firm but carefully weighted tannins that become more defined as the wine lingers, with dense savory characters leading to a round, supple finish with good restraint and poise.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 90 pts Decanter, 89-91 Vinous, 88-90 Robert Parker Wine Advocate

**ABOUT 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 along with his great friend and wine enthusiast Marcus Le Grice from New Zealand. Clos Cantenac proudly respects both the history and culture of the region to traditionally craft these fine Grand Cru wines.

