

# 2021 CLOS CANTENAC

## L'EXUBERANCE ROSÉ



**WINEMAKER:** Charlotte Krajewski  
**REGION:** St-Emilion, France  
**VARIETALS:** 100% Merlot  
**MATURATION:** Fermented in 15% new French oak barrels, 15% neutral oak and 70% in stainless steel  
**ALCOHOL:** 12.5% alc/vol, >2.0 g/l residual sugar

**VINTAGE:** After an uneventful start to the growing year, in early April mother nature delivered devastating night-time temperatures and the significant threat of crippling frosts. In response, hundreds of frost candles were deployed to protect the most vulnerable vines. Sadly, by the end of month, some vines saw frost damage at La Devine. Mid-June saw quite successful flowering and fruit set. Harvest began mid-September for the first of the merlot for 2021 rosé wines which finished in a week. The quality of the fruit was outstanding.

**WINEMAKING:** The grapes were harvested by hand and immediately sorted and destemmed. The must was left for several hours to extract its delightful color and was then gently pressed. 70% of the juice was fermented at cool temperatures in stainless steel, the balance 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:** Clean, bright and instantly appealing, the wine is a pale rosepetal pink, almost translucent, with intense and fragrant aromas of luscious wild strawberries, mandarin peel, grapefruit, citrus, and red berries. On the palate, a fine register of complex red summer berry and tropical fruit flavors, with hints of vanilla, a soft attack of smokiness and a savoury finish. It is a very seductive style of rosé, long, fresh and aromatic, yet perfectly balanced by a lovely refreshing acidity, which combines perfectly with the long, dry persistent finish.

**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.

