



Clos Cantenac

Saint-Emilion
GRAND CRU



2016 CLOS CANTENAC L'EXUBERANCE ROSÉ

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

VINTAGE:

The winter of 2015-2016 was the warmest on record in France since 1900. There was also twice as much rainfall in January and February than normal. The extra warmth led to an early budbreak. Spring was relatively cool and wet. Thankfully Bordeaux escaped much of the frost and hail that struck elsewhere in France. Summer was quite dry causing stress to some vines until welcome showers arrived in mid-September. The rosé harvest began on Saturday September 17th under blue skies.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were harvested by hand and immediately sorted and de-stemmed at the winery. 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, 15% was fermented in new French oak and 35% in seasoned French oak. The barrel components were aged for five months with regular batonnage before being bottled.

TASTING NOTES:

Intense aromas of ripe cherries, raspberries and wild strawberries, with underlying notes of grapefruit, and bay leaf. On the palate, the wine shows the same fine register of red summer berry fruit flavors with a soft attack of smokiness, and more delicate notes of vanilla and caramel. This seductive rosé is fresh, balanced, silky and lasting.

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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