



Clos Cantenac
 Saint-Emilion
 GRAND CRU



2014 CLOS CANTENAC LA DEVINE GRAND CRU

WINEMAKER: Valérie Valmy
REGION: St-Emilion, France
VARIETALS: Merlot (90%), Cabernet Franc (7%), Cabernet Sauvignon (3%)
MATURATION: 12 months in 100% French oak barrels (10% new)
ALCOHOL: 13.0% 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 harvested by hand and immediately sorted and de-stemmed at the winery. The must was cold macerated for eight days and alcoholic fermentation took five days with regular pumping over. Post ferment maceration lasted 20 days and the wine was then transferred to new and seasoned French oak for 12 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

Aromas of ripe damson plums and black cherries are revealed next to more savory notes of forest floor, spice and toasty oak. Hints of licorice, menthol, smoke and leather furthering the spicy aromatics. The palate is soft, supple, generous and well-balanced with an elegant persistency and a freshness on the finish. It will drink well from 2018 onwards but will also continue to evolve 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 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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