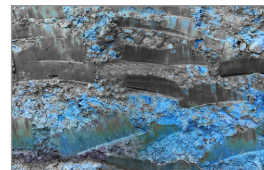


2020 CHÂTEAU SÉRAPHINE

L'INNOCENCE DE SÉRAPHINE



WINEMAKER:	Charlotte Krajewski
REGION:	Pomerol, Bordeaux - France
VARIETALS:	Merlot
MATURATION:	French oak barrels (30% new) for 14 months
ALCOHOL:	14.0% alc/vol

VINTAGE: The 2020 growing year included an array of weather conditions, met with careful measures, including canopy management and a green harvest in July to focus the crop. Regardless of the dazzling array of climatic challenges, the vineyard produced another great Bordeaux vintage. The quality of the fruit is extremely positive, with lower yields, good color, and the early results point to wines of great balance, good tension and tannins, and most elegant in character.

WINEMAKING: A one-day cold soak occurred prior to a 10-day alcoholic fermentation with regular 'remontage' and a single 'delestage'. An extended three-week maceration followed then malolactic fermentation took place in 300L new French oak barrels and a 1000L clay amphora where the wine matured for 14 months. Additionally, two new French oak 'barrel integrale' were filled by gravity directly from the sorting table for enhanced elegance.

TASTING NOTES: Dark black cherry with good concentration right to the rim of the glass. On the nose, blackcurrant, damson and dark chocolate notes. Elegantly poised on the palate, it mixes dark black fruits with licorice, chocolate and tobacco and is underpinned by a svelte bed of tightly grained tannins. It is nicely structured with perfumed fruit and cherries. Fresh, long, and quintessentially Pomerol: approachable reasonably early and with long and careful cellaring will age gracefully to reward those with patience.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 2020 not yet rated. 2018 vintage: 92 Wine Enthusiast, 92 Wine & Spirits

ABOUT CHÂTEAU SÉRAPHINE: In 2016, the Krajewski family, proprietors of nearby Clos Cantenac in Saint-Emilion, acquired the vines and buildings of two Pomerol estates, Chateau Monbrun and Clos Picassou. The father-daughter team, Martin and Charlotte Krajewski, quickly recognized their rare opportunity. They renamed the merged properties the following year: Chateau 'Séraphine'. The name Séraphine honors their ancestor and Polish farming heritage, and nods with great respect to Pomerol's rich history and traditions.

