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**WINEMAKER:** Charlotte Krajewski  
**REGION:** Pomerol, France  
**VARIETALS:** Merlot  
**MATURATION:** French oak barrels (50% new) for 16 months  
**ALCOHOL:** 13.5% alc/vol

**VINTAGE:** 2018 was a complicated, unusual and varied vintage with extraordinary amounts of winter rain followed by a humid early growing season and a long, hot and dry summer, which produced near perfect harvest conditions. The potential for greatness was clear, despite the obvious early risk with such humid conditions. Achieving the correct balance was the key to success and the late cold spell in early spring and the continued cool nights made up for the mild winter and provided the acidity and structure needed to accommodate intense flavor development.

**WINEMAKING:** One day of cold soaking followed by alcoholic fermentation for 9-10 days with regular 'remontage' and a single 'delestage'. Post fermentation extended maceration for 3 weeks followed by malolactic fermentation in 300L French oak barrels (50% new, 50% second fill) and then aged in barrels for 16 months. Additionally two new french oak 'barrel integrale' were filled by gravity directly from the sorting table.

**TASTING NOTES:** Aromas of fine fresh black fruit overlaid with subtle smoky notes of wild strawberries, blackberries, cherries and cassis, with just a touch of spice and white pepper. On the palate, the wine is velvety soft, displaying rich silky tannins well supported by a further impressive register of red and black fruits running through the core, with delicate hints of chocolate and mocha that combine well to present a long, pleasant and persistent finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 92-94 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 92 pts Vinous

**ABOUT CHÂTEAU SÉRAPHINE:** In 2016 the Krajewski family acquired the vines and farm buildings of Chateau Monbrun and the ancient house and winery of Clos Picasso and then merged the two properties into one. Permission was granted by the Syndicate in Pomerol to rename the Property as Chateau 'Séraphine' after Martin's Grandmother. After all, Chateau Séraphine is a family affair borne from a long association with the land, and a great respect the history and tradition of these ancient Pomerol soils and the people that have worked here over the long years.

