

2015 CLOS CANTENAC

Review Summary



94 pts “Pure old vine Merlot, this is a densely concentrated wine. Bold tannins and dark fruits give it an initially massive character. That dissipates as the wine opens into rich black-plum fruits cut with juicy acidity.”

Roger Voss
Wine Enthusiast
August 31, 2021

94 pts “Deep color. Elderberry, praline, violet aromas. Luxurious palate with blackberry elderberry fruit, velvety/brambly textures and lovely savory, underlying roasted chestnut notes. Elemental and substantial in scale with beautiful fruit density and pronounced acid cut. Very modern style with vibrancy and energy.”

Andrew Caillard MW
Langton's Bordeaux En Primeur
2015

92 pts “Medium to deep garnet colored, the 2015 Clos Cantenac delivers pronounced notes of blackberry preserves, crème de cassis and red currant jelly with touches of garrigue, lavender, smoked meats and Indian spices. Medium to full-bodied, it fills the palate with expressive red and black fruit preserves, framed by velvety tannins and wonderful freshness, leading to a very long, spicy finish.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
April 27, 2018

18+/20 pts “This is a superb Clos Cantenac and one which lifts the property to a new level. The oak is more pronounced and the color a few shades inkier than in the past and this is a wine with real depth and layers of briar and plum. This is the first truly serious wine that Clos Cantenac has made in terms of age-ability and also complexity. I love the mantra here, and the fruit and skill has always been top notch, but in 2015 there is the illusive X Factor that everyone searches for and few find. Grand is a much-abused word in French, but in English it sums up this wine perfectly.”

Matthew Jukes
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