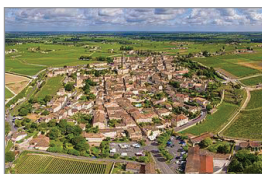


2016 CLOS CANTENAC

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WINEMAKER: Charlotte Krajewski
REGION: St-Emilion, France
VARIETALS: Merlot
MATURATION: 14 months in 100% French oak barrels (45% new)
ALCOHOL: 14.0% alc/vol

VINTAGE: The 2016 vintage of Bordeaux is widely considered to be excellent, even legendary. The winter was wet and one of the warmest ever recorded. The warm, humid conditions continued throughout spring, speeding up growth and prompting an early budburst. Temperatures then dropped but conditions remained wet. However, the ample rain meant Bordeaux avoided the hail and frost typical of late spring. Late June saw the tides begin to turn when a hot, dry summer ensued. In general, the harvest was slightly larger than typical and of exceptionally high quality.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were hand harvested and immediately underwent a cold maceration for eight days to develop fruit aromas prior to fermentation. Alcoholic fermentation took place over five days with regular pumpovers. The wine then underwent a 15 to 20 day maceration period to refine the tannins. Malolactic fermentation was completed in oak barrels. The wine was aged for a total of 14 months prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES: The bouquet shows fine rich, ripe fruits with hints of black cherry and cassis enhanced by coffee bean and mocha fragrances with a touch of sweet spice. On the palate it displays a concentrated fruit attack and a succulent crunchy florality including waves of dark plums and chocolate that spreads with generous exaggeration right across the mouth with an impressive intensity of character leading to a sleek graphite like finish. It is a deliciously confident and opulent wine of classic structure but with a touch of mystique that promises well for the future.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90-92 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 90-91 pts James Suckling

ABOUT 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 along with his great friend and wine enthusiast Marcus Le Grice from New Zealand. Clos Cantenac proudly respects both the history and culture of the region to traditionally craft these fine Grand Cru wines.

