

2019 CLOS CANTENAC

LA DEVINE GRAND CRU



WINEMAKER: Charlotte Krajewski
REGION: St-Emilion, France
VARIETALS: Merlot (90%), Cabernet Franc (7%), Cabernet Sauvignon (3%)
MATURATION: 12 months in 100% French oak barrels (10% new)
ALCOHOL: 13.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE: 2018 will be remembered as an exceptional year in Bordeaux with a glorious summer that extended long into harvest. However, the year began with many challenges and was initially characterised by a wet winter followed by a seriously cold and damp spring with the threat of mildew from spring onwards the strongest for decades. During this period there were also localised hailstorms in May and July, but the flowering in May and June was largely successful and was followed by good weather with just enough rain in early July to sustain the vines through even the hottest spells.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were harvested by hand and immediately sorted and destemmed at the winery. The must was cold macerated for seven 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: Beautiful, complex bouquet of black cherry, forest floor and hints of smoke and leather. The palate is soft and supple with blackberry and blackcurrant notes. Tobacco leaf and toasted oak develop on the long persistent finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated. 2018 vintage: 91 pts Wine Enthusiast

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.

