

2020 CLOS CANTENAC

LA DEVINE GRAND CRU



WINEMAKER: Charlotte Krajewski
REGION: St-Emilion, France
VARIETALS: Merlot (85%), Cabernet Franc (10%), Cabernet Sauvignon (5%)
MATURATION: 12 months in in 10% new French oak, and 90% in 2nd & 3rd year oak
ALCOHOL: 13.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE: The mild 2020 winter was followed by a tumultuous spring with heavy rains, hail, frost and snow. An intense summer drought brought heat spikes and more rain at the end of harvest. Yet overall, the quality of the fruit was extremely high, and the wines appear to be close in style to the 2016 vintage, but perhaps with a little more concentration, complexity, and elegance, as well as plenty of color and good tension to balance the tannins.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were harvested by hand in late September, and immediately sorted and de-stemmed at the winery. The must was cold macerated for seven days to develop aromas, and alcoholic fermentation took five days with regular pumping over. Post-ferment maceration lasted 15-20 days due to the exceptional fruit quality; then the wine was transferred to new and seasoned French oak for 12 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES: Appealing glossy, mulberry-cherry hue in the glass with a nose of muddled summer berries and dried flowers and a touch of fine chocolate. On the palate, the scented and lifted style impresses with an up-front silky and seamless texture that broadens to reveal seams of dark chocolate and black pepper. It is supple with elegantly packed tannins of medium body, and a gentle, precise fade on the 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.

