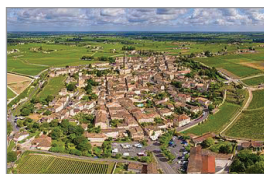


2019 CLOS CANTENAC

SAINT-EMILION GRAND CRU



WINEMAKER: Charlotte Krajewski
REGION: St-Emilion, France
VARIETALS: 100% Merlot
MATURATION: 12 months in French oak (10% new)
ALCOHOL: 14.0% alc/vol

VINTAGE: While 2019 was a very good-to-excellent vintage, it wasn't at all straightforward, with heat waves, a drought and a rainy finish in late September. Still, there was an enjoyable long, dry summer and the rain at harvest was just-enough and welcome refreshment for the vines; when it then cleared, fine conditions prevailed from 26th September until 12th October to complete the Merlot and Cabernet harvest more or less at leisure.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were hand-harvested and immediately underwent a cold maceration for seven 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.

TASTING NOTES: The color is a deep, dense velvety black. Its structure is vibrant and appealing, with fine, rich, ripe fruits. Hints of black cherry and cassis are enhanced by dark-fruit fragrances and a touch of sweet spice. On the palate, its elegance derives from the finessed register of lush fresh berries and brambly flavors, coffee beans, mocha and soft tannins, finishing with a sleek minerality. It is a wine of classic structure and a touch of mystique.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts Decanter, 92-94 pts Vinous, 91-93 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate

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 2007 by Martin Krajewski and his friend Marcus Le Grice. Together with Martin's daughter Charlotte as winemaker, the house proudly respects the history and culture of the region to traditionally craft fine Grand Cru wines.

