

2021 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 10% new French oak
ALCOHOL: 13.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE: After an uneventful start to the growing year, in early April mother nature delivered devastating night-time temperatures and the significant threat of crippling frosts. In response, hundreds of frost candles were deployed to protect the most vulnerable vines. Sadly, by the end of month, some vines saw frost damage at La Devine. Mid-June saw quite successful flowering and fruit set. The Merlot was picked by hand in late September and finished by early October, with the last of the Cabernet picked by October 14. The quality of the fruit was outstanding.

WINEMAKING: After picking, the grapes were 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 2- and 3-year old French oak for 12 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES: This wine displays an appealing, glossy, mulberry-cherry hue in the glass, with a nose of summer berries, dried flowers and a touch of cocoa. A lifted style brings a front-palate silky texture that then broadens to reveal subtle dark chocolate and black pepper. It is supple, with elegantly dense tannins in a medium body with a gentle fade on the finish that feels precisely defined and true. This wine is approachable on release, yet provides stylish drinking as it ages.

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.

