

2022 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 100% French oak barrels (10% new)
ALCOHOL: 13.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE: Winter was cool and dry. February started well with an early budburst; vine growth stalled as temperatures dropped in March. Frost damage was avoided in early April when anti-frost machines and candles were used. Flowering and fruit set were successful, but then it turned humid as highs brushed 40°C and led to violent regional hailstorms on June 20th, which fortunately did not touch St Emilion. July and August were warm, however, with higher levels of clay in the soils and better water retention there was very little stress in the vines and no rush to harvest. The first Merlot was picked on September 19th and harvest was completed by the 23rd. The overall quality of the fruit was outstanding.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were harvested by hand and immediately sorted and de-stemmed 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: Medium ruby hue. Fragrant, layered nose of blueberry, black cherry, cranberry, plus a hint of vanilla and coconut. The palate makes good on its promises, exhibiting masses of astutely defined black plum, cassis and black cherry allied to judicious oak notes in cedar, vanilla and coconut. This has the acidity and structure to go the distance.

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 vine son 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.

