

Château Clinet 2014

CSPC# 811818

750mlx6

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

90% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc.

Appellation

Pomerol

Classification

Bordeaux AOC (*Appellation d'origine contrôlée*)

Website

<http://www.chateauclinet.com/chateau-clinet-pomerol/>

Sustainability

The cultivation of the vine is carried out in the purest respect of the environment, giving preference to sustainable solutions rather than to chemical treatments, and to the human hand rather than to the profitability of the machine. Harvesting is always done by hand.

General Info

Chateau Clinet is a relatively small property in Pomerol, home of the best Merlots made in the world. Over the last decade or so, it has risen to be amongst the top wines of the region. Château Clinet is located in the heart of the Pomerol appellation, about 40 km from the city of Bordeaux. Posed on beautiful plots of the famous terrace serious Gunz, particularly suitable terroir for Merlot, it is one of the most prestigious area of the appellation. The estate wines, elegant and intense style parties are now the great wines of Pomerol.

Chateau Clinet once belonged to the Constant Family before it passed to the Arnaud family. The Arnaud's had good taste in wine. At the same time, they were also owners of the famed Bordeaux wine property, Petrus. Following the Arnaud's involvement, from 1900 to 1991, Clinet became the property of the Audy family. They were best known as Bordeaux négociant's. When the managing director Jean-Michel Arcaute arrived in the early 1980s, Chateau Clinet began producing some of the best wine in their history.

It was Arcaute's desire for Clinet return to the previous level of prominence it occupied in the early 19th century. Arcaute began leaf thinning, green harvesting, and more importantly, he strived to harvest fruit that was phenolically ripe. The estate also reduced the amount of cabernet sauvignon vines planted in the vineyards. Clinet is one of the few Pomerol properties with a large percentage, (Large for Pomerol) of cabernet sauvignon vines.

In 1991, the chateau was sold to Gan insurance. Arcaute remained the director of the estate. Clinet was bought by Jean-Louis Laborde in late 1998. Tragically, Arcaute died in a boating accident in 2001. Today, the estate is managed by the young Ronan Laborde. Laborde could have been a competitive marathon runner if he was not a wine maker. Michel Rolland consults this Bordeaux wine property. Clinet has been improving slowly but steadily since the Laborde family purchased the estate. 2008 was a big jump in quality and their 2009 Bordeaux wine is even better!

Winemaker

Ronan Laborde. Michel Rolland consults.

Vintage

Whilst the incredible Indian summer undoubtedly turned around the fortunes of the 2014 vintage, the growing season in Pomerol was not without its challenges. Stormy showers punctuated much of June, July and August and, in terms of overall rainfall throughout the year, it was one of the wettest since in a decade. Despite the rain, the sunny and generally dry conditions that characterised September and October, were sufficient to successfully ripen the Merlot and were particularly beneficial to Cabernet Franc, which looks to have succeeded very well 2014. As always success depended on terroir and diligence. There is great vibrancy in the best wines, which show genuine style and verve, but in a few cases, there also appears some dilution.

Vineyards

A plot of Merlot was grubbed up at the end of 2019, resulting in a production area of 10.2 hectares and an increased proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon in the vine population at 25%

Harvest

Hand picked from 23- 30 September, 3 October for the old Merlot vines and 8 October with respect Cabernets.

Winemaking

Average vatting periods of 26 days, with gentle extraction of the phenolic components (pumping over and rack-and-return). Alcoholic fermentation did not take longer than in previous vintages and went smoothly. High total acidity levels, together with normal-to-low pH levels for our terroir, preserve the freshness of this vintage's wines. majority of new barrels (80%), including traditional "barriques bordelaises" (225 litres) and large-format "Burgundy" barrels (500 litres), and the remaining 20% in second-fill barrels.



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| Tasting Notes | Chateau Clinet 2014 has a ruby-garnet appearance. Highly aromatic, the nose presents flavors of raspberry jam, blackberries, plum and licorice. These aromas then develop to reveal toasted bread, brown sugar and Jamaican pepper. Its rich, creamy texture is reminiscent of the Clinet signature. Soft and delicate, the taste includes hints of cherries and forest fruits with a rising intensity. As a whole, it is well balanced and very refreshing. This is an excellent wine, which should be enjoyed between 5 and 15 years. |
| Serve with | meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, chicken, roasted, braised, stewed, and grilled dishes. |
| Production | 4,750 cases made |
| Cellaring | Drink 2020-2035 |
| Scores/Awards | 92 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - February 2017 91 points - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate - April 2017 89 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - March 2024 94 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2017 16+ points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - February 2016 15.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2015 95 points - Decanter.com - February 2024 93 points - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - February 2024 93 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - February 2017 93 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2015 91 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - April 2017 90 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2017 94+ points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2017 93 points - Jean Marc Quarin - April 2024 16 points - La Revue du Vin France - January 2019 17 points - Bettane & Desseauve - January 2019 18 points - Vinum Wine Magazine - August 2017 |
