

BLEND	AGEING
80% MERLOT	75% NEW BARRELS
20% CABERNET SAUVIGNON	25% SECOND FILL BARRELS
ALCOHOL	HARVEST
14,5%	MERLOTS : SEPTEMBER 23RD, 24TH, 25TH, 26TH AND 27TH
PRODUCTION	CABERNETS : OCTOBER 3RD
49 500 BOTTLES	
YIELD	SOIL
38 HL/HA	ANCIENT GRAVEL AND DEEP CLAY

CULTURAL METHODS

Grass cover between rows, throughout the vineyard • Under-vine ploughing
• Horse-drawn ploughing on 35% of the vineyard • Sustainable viticulture practices • High leaf canopy (+175 cm) • Leaf removal: morning-sun side (1st week of July 2019) and afternoon-sun side (1st week of September 2019) • Green harvesting (from 10 to 29 July 2019) • Plot by plot harvest •

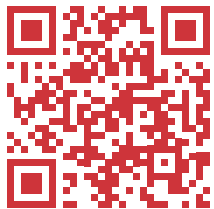
VINIFICATION

Manual sorting • Light crushing • Stainless steel vats, perfectly designed to house the different plots of CLINET • Vats equipped with an alveolar, double-walled, adjustable thermoregulation system • No use of dry ice • Manual punching down •

AGEING

Use of the OXOLINE system, to limit stirring • 75% new barrels, 25 % Second-fill barrels • Expected ageing time: +16 months •

Watch the FILM of 2019 vintage



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VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage of Château CLINET can be defined as follows:

- A plot of Merlot (68 years old) was grubbed up at the end of 2018 which resulted in a cultivated area of less than 10 ha, and an increased proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon in the vine population at 18%.

- A growing season characterized by:

- A mild winter and a wet spring. Despite a seasonable month of January, the winter of 2018-2019 was one of the ten mildest winters since the beginning of the 20th century.

With total rainfall reaching 130 mm in winter and 230 mm in spring, rainfall totals remained high.

Dry weather provided good conditions during flowering (from 25 May, 2019 to 7 June, 2019).

- Summer was very dry and warm.

In July, total rainfall reached 35 mm, then 50 mm in August.

At the end of July, the region was affected by scorching heat with temperatures spiking at a record-breaking 41.3°C, but without giving way to a lasting “heat wave”.

Thanks to water reserves accumulated at the start of the season, and the unique clayey terroir of the Plateau of Pomerol, which filters yet retains water in successive layers, the vines had access to constant water supply.

- The berries reached technological (alcoholic) ripeness relatively early in September, but we waited a few more days for perfect phenolic maturity.

In this respect, alcohol contents reached levels similar to those of the 2010 or 2018 vintage at CLINET - 14.5% on average.



- The estate chose to wait for the rain - a strategy aimed at reaching perfect phenolic maturity and lowering potential alcohol.

- 19 mm of rain fell on 22 September, validating the start of the harvest at CLINET on 23 September (Merlots).

- The harvest ended on 3 October (Cabernets), representing a “10-day harvest window”, for 6 days of picking.

This was quite a short period of time for the harvest.

- A vintage with very favourable weather conditions, marked by a very dry summer, and in the case of our estate, beneficial rain just before the harvest.

- Large quantities were produced, resulting from good flower induction, good flowering, and a growing season divided into two extreme phases. However, the quality of our terroir and a team able to respond quickly and effectively were paramount to keeping the situation under control.

The grapes reached high levels of ripeness: 14.5° alcohol and extremely good phenolic / tannic levels, with IPTs rivalling those of record vintages, such as 2010, 2016, or 2018.

- A consistent level of quality across both grape varieties, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as the various plots that make up the terroir of Château CLINET.

- The “sanitary” condition of the grapes was “impeccable”, with little or no sorting required before entering the vats.

- An average of 27 days in vat; delicate extraction of the phenolic components (punching down and pumping over).

Fermentation did not take longer than previous vintages, proceeding smoothly.

- A majority of new barrels (75%), including classic “barriques bordelaises” (225 litres), and the remaining 25% in second-fill barrels.



2019 VINTAGE CLINET

A vintage ranked among the very best.

This decade has produced a number of powerful, voluptuous vintages (2010, 2016, 2018) and 2019 is no exception.

Château CLINET 2019 remains true to the unique style of CLINET.

With a greater presence in the blend than in previous vintages, the Cabernet Sauvignon helps to shape a wine that displays freshness, tension, structure and elegance.

TASTING NOTES

CLINET 2019 is of an intense, deep garnet color. The nose is a glorious fruity array of wild strawberries, Morello cherries, raspberries, blueberries and crème de cassis.

Delicious aromas of sweet pastry and oriental spices intertwine beautifully with the fruit. A creamy, smooth mouthfeel delivers fruity, complex, powerful and enticing flavors, enhanced by a fine-grained texture and splashes of chocolate. Bursting with energy, the finish is intense and resplendent. A rich, powerful wine with great ageing potential. To be ranked among the best of the estate.»

Ronan LABORDE, owner - CEO

PRESS

TASTING
SCORE

97 - 99

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«The purity that Ronan Laborde and his team have achieved should be applauded. (...) This is a stunning Clinet, the best I have encountered in barrel over 20 years of tasting. That creamy texture takes your breath away. Up there with the very best - a Clinet that rivets you to the spot.» **Neal Martin**

TASTING
SCORE

97-98

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

«It's full-bodied with juicy fruit and a flavorful finish. The balance and texture of this wine is exceptional.»

James Sucling

TASTING
SCORE

96-98

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

«... it is on the palate where the wine really rocks. Sultry, rich, opulent, full-bodied, deep and ostentatious, this is incredibly sexy.» **Jeff Leve**



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TASTING
SCORE

94 - 95

Yves Beck

«...Clinet a de la race, de la puissance et de l'élégance... Un Pomerol des temps modernes qui se concentre sur la fraîcheur et la finesse du fruit.» **Yves Beck**

TASTING
SCORE

17

Jancis Robinson
JancisRobinson.com

«...the fruit is generous and there's plenty of zest and drive. Drink 2027 - 2040.» **James Lawther MW**

TASTING
SCORE


95

JEAN-MARC QUARIN

«...hédoniste et flatteur au départ, esthétique et classique à la fin. C'est très bon.» **Jean-Marc Quarin**

TASTING
SCORE

94-96

 **Anthocyanes**

«Un très beau Clinet qui pourrait faire date.»

Yohan Castaing

TASTING
SCORE

95

Decanter

«Great quality Clinet, extremely well expressed with controlled ripe fruits and firm tannins that provide a pretty strict frame at this point.» **Jane Anson**

TASTING
SCORE

97

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«Very precise with freshness, persistence and excellent length...» **Markus del Monego MW**