



2020 VINTAGE  
**CLINET**

**BLEND** 80% MERLOT  
20% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**ALCOHOL** 15%

**PRODUCTION** 46 000 BOTTLES

**AGEING** 80% NEW BARRELS  
20% SECOND FILL BARRELS

**VINEYARD** 9 HECTARES IN PRODUCTION  
75% MERLOT  
25% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**SOIL** ANCIENT GRAVEL AND DEEP CLAY

**YIELD** 38 HL/HA

**HARVEST DATE** **MERLOT :**  
SEPTEMBER 14TH, 15TH, 16TH AND 17TH  
**CABERNET SAUVIGNON :**  
SEPTEMBER, 24TH

Watch the FILM of 2020 vintage



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### FEATURES OF THE VINTAGE

- A plot of Merlot was removed at the end of 2019, resulting in a cultivated area of 9 hectares and an increased proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon in the vine population at 25%.

- A vintage with relatively favourable weather conditions, marked by two paroxysmal phases: a very wet spring, then a long summer drought.

- The grapes were small in size and in remarkable sanitary condition. They reached high levels of ripeness and very, very good levels of phenolic components and tannin, with record IPTs.

- Harvest started on the 14th September - a week to ten days earlier than usual.

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

- An average vatting period of 28 days, delicate extraction of the phenolic components. Fermentation did not take longer than for previous vintages, proceeding smoothly. High total acidity levels, along with normal pH levels for our terroir, will guarantee the freshness of the wines of this vintage.

- A majority of new barrels (80%), including traditional “barriques bordelaises” (225 litres) and large “Burgundy” barrels (500 litres), with the remaining 20% in second-fill barrels.

- CLINET 2020 benefits from the hot summer, the restructuring of the vineyard and the more and more confirmed experience of the team. Probably one of the most accomplished CLINET since the Laborde family took over in 1999.

### CULTURAL METHODS

- Grass cover between rows, throughout the vineyard
- Under-vine ploughing
- Horse-drawn ploughing on 15% of the vineyard
- Sustainable viticultural practices and environmental approach
- High leaf canopy (+175 cm)
- Leaf removal: morning-sun side (3rd week of June 2020), afternoon-sun side (4th week of August 2020)
- Green harvesting (from 29 June to 15 July, 2020)
- Plot-by-plot harvest

### WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

- Manual sorting
- Stainless steel vats, perfectly designed to house the different plots of CLINET
- Vats equipped with an alveolar, adjustable thermoregulation system

### AGEING

- 80% new barrels, 20% Second-fill barrels
- Use of the OXOLINE system, to reduce “bâtonnage” (stirring of the lees)
- Expected ageing time: +16 months



## TASTING

« A vintage ranked among the very best.

At first glance, CLINET 2020 unfolds layers of the deepest red.

The aromatic richness is remarkable, a spellbinding panoply of ripe fruit, flowers and spice.

Its texture is concentrated, velvety, magmatic and profoundly intense.

This is a powerful wine, pure, voluptuous and spiritual.

A wine that is crafted along the same lines and style as the glorious vintages of our estate. »

**Ronan LABORDE, owner & CEO**

## PRESSE

97-99

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

« (...) you never want this voluptuous stunner to end. The fruits show a remarkable sense of purity, leaving you with over 50 seconds of hedonistic pleasure. This is the best Clinet since 2010. » **Jeff Leve**

95

Decanter

« (...) this is a big, seductive wine. »  
**Jane Anson**

95-97

LE FIGARO

« Un nez résonnant plein d'assurance, qui nous accueille avec des notes de prunes très mûres. Une bouche gracieuse, satinée, langoureuse et sensuelle, à l'aura triomphale. »



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WINE ADVOCATE

« The big, rich, full-bodied palate is a powerhouse, bursting with impactful black and blue fruit preserves flavors, supported by ripe, rounded tannins and seamless freshness, finishing very long and fantastically perfumed. » **Lisa Perotti-Brown MW**

96-98+

JEB DUNNUCK

« I continue to love the wines from this estate, and the 2020 Château Clinet is no exception. (...) This is a gorgeous wine. » **Jeb Dunnuck**

96-97

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

« This is extremely polished with ultra fine tannins that are so exquisite, giving this a seamless and weightless mouth feel. Medium-bodied, extremely long and harmonious. » **James Suckling**

94-96

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« The bravura nose delivers copious black cherries, blueberry and violet aromas that explode from the glass. This is a Pomerol that really wants to make an impression. The palate is medium-bodied with succulent ripe tannins, hints of chocolate chip infusing the mixture of black and blueberry fruit. Lavish and satiny in texture toward the long finish. » **Neal Martin**

97+

tastingbook

Your Personal Wine Professional

« A complex and rich wine with excellent potential and great precision in a very classic style. »  
**Markus del Monego MW**

97-98

Yves Beck

« Un très grand Clinet qui brille par son élégance, sa force tranquille et sa persistance. Quelle grande réussite ! » **Yves Beck**

96-98

Terre de Vins

« Clinet 2020 se montre en pleine séduction, intense et aromatique... » **Mathieu Doumange**