

CHATEAU CANTENAC BROWN

VINTAGE 2022

2022, GREAT ... EXCEPTIONAL...HISTORIC...?

Blend

69% Cabernet Sauvignon
31% Merlot

Ageing

French oak barrels
60% new oak barrels
40% one vintage barrels

Harvest Proportion

52% of Château Cantenac Brown

Harvest dates

Merlot : September 7th to 15th
Cabernet Franc : September 16th
Cabernet Sauvignon : September 19th to 27th



Tasting

2022, offers to the great wine of Cantenac Brown a nose with a complex and refined palette: violet, black fruits, liquorice and nutmeg. The palate is characterised by a soft and creamy attack, carried by an exceptional concentration of silky and velvety tannins. The density and length gives to Cantenac Brown 2022 a remarkable finish.

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Mother Nature likes to remind us periodically that she is the master of the game when it comes to great vintages. 2022 is a perfect example.

Our concern for perfection allows us to accompany, influence and shape as best we can what she gives us, but it is clear that the combination of climatic factors remains the key to a great vintage. Fortunately for us, winegrowers, the vine is an **incredibly resistant plant**.

The heat of the sun and the limited water resources have forced it to hold its breath and to draw from the depths of the soil the elements necessary for its survival.

Our accompaniment to the vineyard has adapted : lighter leaf thinning to protect the bunches from the sun during the hot periods, shallow soil work to limit evaporation, controlled grassing, sometimes eliminated in certain plots to preserve the water supply to the vines, the balance of the soil... a real precision work, reasoned and adapted to these unprecedented conditions. **All the data are gathered for an exceptional vintage!**

The expectation of ideal ripeness and perfect balance, with the berries getting lighter by the day, has nevertheless put our nerves to the test, but that is the price to pay for producing a rare vintage! We opted for a low temperature vinification (25°C), with gentle and moderate extractions in order to preserve the great phenolic potential of the grapes. **The grapes reveal all their flavour, their brilliance and offer a beautiful creaminess.** The Merlots are incredibly dense and structured, while the Cabernets Sauvignons have an unprecedented concentration and energy.

The 2022 already **has everything of an historic vintage by its exceptional character**. Will it become iconic?

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