

CHÂTEAU CLINET *Pomerol*

2010

Located at the highest point of the Pomerol plateau, **CHÂTEAU CLINET** origin of the appellation's most prestigious crus.

Its terroir is composed of old gravel and deep clay over a subsoil of clinker.

Average age of the vineyard is 50 years, careful and integrated farming methods are applied.

The vinification and ageing cellars are equipped with state-of-the-art facilities.

Since 2004, the property is managed by **Ronan LABORDE**.

2010, THROUGHOUT THE SEASONS...

The **winter** was very cold.

April was hot and sunny and brought about a fast budding.

In May however the cool, wet weather had an adverse effect on the flowering process, which resulted in a substantially lower crop size.

h stormy conditions and even two hailstorms on May 11th and 15th which caused considerable damage in the neighbouring appellations of Pomerol.

So as to have grapes of optimal quality, Château CLINET adjusted its work in the vineyard to adapt to the effects the weather had had on the vines.

Light de-leafings, crop thinning, and ploughings according to plot, together with a sunny summer, enhanced a gradual, even ripening of the grapes.

Château CLINET continued its policy of harvesting plot by plot to pick the grapes of each one only when they had reached perfect phenolic ripeness.

The harvest began on September 22 with the young Merlot vines (4 years old).

It continued for the Merlot from September 27 until October 2, and then ended for that variety with the Old Merlot Vines (74 years old) on October 8.

All the Cabernet was picked in one day on October 9.

The harvest lasted 9 days, stretching over 3 weeks, and taking place in perfect weather conditions.

The first musts were tasted and the results confirmed the enthusiasm shown by the team, overjoyed at the prospect of another fantastic vintage to add to the superb run.

The wines of the 2010 vintage have a very dark garnet hue, a powerful, warm nose, and an unctuous, fruit and spicy palate, which has amazing length.

The acidity, which is higher than in previous vintages, promises great ageing potential.

2010 promises to be one of Château CLINET's legendary vintages.



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CLINET 2010 : A FEW DETAILS :

SURFACE	8,64 ha
GRAPE VARIETIES	85% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc
AGEING	60% new barrels and 40% barrels of 1-wine
PRODUCTION	40 000 bottles
DELIVERY	In the course of the second semester of 2012

PRESSBOOK :

ROBERT PARKER	Coming soon
WINE SPECTATOR	92-95
NEIL MARTIN 'S WINE JOURNAL	94-96
THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - JEFF LEVE	96
JAMES SUCKLING	95-96
GAVIN QUINNEY	94-97
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DECANTER	17 / 20 ★★★★★