



2025 VINTAGE  
**CLINET**

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

**ALCOHOL** 14%

**PRODUCTION** 44 000 BOTTLES

**AGEING** 60% NEW BARRELS  
40% SECOND-FILL BARRELS

**VINEYARD** A PRODUCTION AREA OF 10.2 HECTARES

**SOIL** CLAY AND GRAVEL

**YIELD** 34 HL/HA

**HARVEST DATE** MERLOTS  
FROM 4TH TO 10TH SEPTEMBER

CABERNETS  
15TH AND 17TH SEPTEMBER

**TASTING NOTE**

*“Château Clinet 2025 reveals a deep, dense and brilliant ruby color. The nose is remarkably expressive and intensely fruit-driven, unveiling notes of wild strawberry, Morello cherry, plum, blackberry and blackcurrant. On the palate, the texture is velvety and ample, supported by a rich aromatic framework combining ripe fruits, spices and delicate pastry nuances. The 2025 vintage fully expresses its character: full, intense and profound.”*

**Ronan LABORDE, owner-manager**

**THE 2025 VINTAGE AT A GLANCE**

- The growing season was marked by hot and dry conditions, with total rainfall below 700 mm, compared to a long-term average of around 900 mm.
- A mild, dry winter followed by a wet early spring, then an “almost summery” May leading to early flowering under optimal conditions.
- An extremely hot and dry summer (11 mm of rainfall in June, 31 mm in July).
- Six days with daytime temperatures exceeding 40°C (104°F).
- August 20th marked a decisive turning point, with a welcome 35 mm of rainfall, followed by additional showers that refined the ripening process.
- An extremely early harvest, a record for earliness, beginning on September 4.
- A harvest yielding small berries, the lowest yield of the past 20 years, encouraging gentle vinification.
- A barrel ageing: 60% new oak and 40% one-year-old barrels, for approximately 18 months.



• **A historic estate**, combining skilled craftsmanship with state-of-the-art technology,

• **A family-owned estate** - the owner, Ronan Laborde, has been at the helm for over twenty years,

• **The vineyard:**

- Exceptionally old vines, including 91-year-old Merlot and 75-year-old Cabernet Sauvignon,

- Massal selection,

- Ancient terroirs with cool subsoils and gravel on the surface that retains and radiates heat while providing drainage,

- An open and well-ventilated plateau, that helps the vines withstand humidity and frost,

- The highest proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon, in Pomerol,

- A high canopy (+1.75m), for increased concentration of the grapes,

- Manuel harvest in a short window to pick the grapes at optimal maturity,

• **Cutting-edge tools :**

- Frost protection with heating cables and mobile wind machines,

- Cold storage of the harvested grapes, to enhance the intensity of colour in the wine by optimizing anthocyanin extraction,

- Gravity-fed small stainless steel vats, to keep the grapes intact and pure,

- Fermentation tanks that combine hygiene with thermal and energy efficiency - made in France with double-walled, temperature-controlled stainless steel,

- Ageing on lees with protection from oxidation, using «Oxoline» barrel racks and a rotating concrete vat,

• **Unique packaging :**

- A custom-made bottle that is both stylish and sustainable,

- elegant tissue paper wrapping,

- a beautiful wooden case,

• A personalized welcome for visitors to the estate.



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JEB DUNNUCK

« The 2025 Château Clinet is a ripe, sumptuous, and seamless beauty with so much to love. All shine on the nose, and it's full-bodied on the palate, with a pure, layered, graceful mouthfeel, ultra-fine tannins, and a great finish. It shows just how successful the more clay-dominant soils of Pomerol were in this vintage, and it's unquestionably up with the crème de la crème of the vintage.» **Jeb Dunnuck**

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tastingbook

« [...] Rich with freshness and very good body, excellent length, creamy texture but also a fine tension. A classic style. » **Markus del Monego MW**

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drinks  
business

« Divine aromatically [...]. This is oh so very Clinet, with that utterly beautiful intense violet and iris florality, a touch of the cedar that will ultimately coarse through this once it's had a little bottle age, and the dark freshness of the cassis, blueberry and black cherry fruits . [...] This achieves a beguiling and very classical charm. » **Colin Hay**

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LE FIGARO

« Le Palais de Dame Tartine révèle ses arômes gourmands dès les premiers effluves entre framboise écrasée, clafouti à la cerise et gelée de sureau dans une pièce qui embaume l'encaustique qui fait briller les vieux meubles. La bouche n'est qu'élégance et volupté des fruits mûrs, avec une matière drapée dans un velours de soie somptueux qui évoque la robe de Scarlett O'Hara.» **Ella Lister**

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ALEXANDRE MA

« An approach that is particularly commendable within Pomerol. [...] It does not shy away. It directs its attention to the expression of fruit. Clean, lifted sweetness, while the palate is shaped to be as juicy and refreshing as possible. The inherent sense of weight in Pomerol 2025 is transformed into a more fluid and relaxed movement, touch by a gentle herbal coolness that brings a poised sense of comfort to the palate.» **Alexandre Ma**

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« This has a delightful nose, perhaps the most elegant and refined that I have encountered at this stage. The palate is medium-bodied with chiselled, fine tannins, bright and tensile, exquisite focus, with a peacock's tail on the finish. Quite crystalline on the finish, this is a Clinet that I would like in my cellar. Or at the dinner table. Or in my glass.»

**Neal Martin**

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Robert Parker  
WINE ADVOCATE

« Medium-to full bodied, dense and layered, it's broad-shouldered yet more tensile than usual, built around a structured core of fruit and concluding with a long, perfumed finish. Reflecting the vintage in its balance between density and approachability, it remains true to the estate's style, with a firm, robust frame.» **Yohan Castaing**

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LABRASSE DU  
vin LA REVUE  
DE FRANCE DU VIN  
DE FRANCE

« Le style Clinet convient bien au millésime, offrant plus crémeux que la moyenne de l'appellation, avec une enveloppe douce et harmonieuse, et une aromatique de fruits noirs bien mûrs sans excès, accompagnés d'un floral délicat.» **Pierre Vila-Palleja**

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Decanter

«[...] I like this - it's elegant and refined while still being mouthwatering and juicy. Great stuff that makes you smile. »

**Georgina Hindle**

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Yves Beck

« [...] Ce vin s'illustre par sa densité et sa générosité.»

**Yves Beck**

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« The 2025 Clinet, is a dark, brooding wine, largely because of the significant presence of Cabernet Sauvignon - a rarity in Pomerol, but a tradition here dating back to vines that were planted in the 1930s and 1950s. Plum, blackberry, gravel, incense, licorice and scorched earth stain the palate. »

**Antonio Galloni**

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THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

«The balance among depth, sweetness, flesh, and lift is exactly where it needs to be. The finish is defined by the intensity of the vibrant fruit on the palate, depth of flavor, and purity. »

**Jeff Leve**

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WINEDOCTOR

« I like the way this comes together on the palate though. With a leaner construct and sappy finish, this feels less like Clinet than the nose suggested , with more piquant and fragrant rose than dark chocolate on the palate. A fine result though. »

**Chris Kissack**

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Terre de Vins

« Nez superbe, très frais, sur le chocolat noir et la menthe juste cueillie. Ce vin propose une attaque très suave, la qualité de tannins est remarquable, l'école du velours et de la profondeur aromatique. Très belle garde et plaisir dès sa jeunesse. »

**Jean-Charles Chapuzet**

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SCHWEIZERISCHE  
WEINZEITUNG

« Dichtes, kraftvolles Bouquet: kubanische Zigarren, Heidelbeeren, geröstete Kräuter, Trüffel, feiner Espresso. Gute Dichte, saftig, viel feines, süßes Tannin, fester Kern, feine Säure, volle reife rot- bis schwarzbeerige Frucht, Herzkirchen, Brombeeren, geröstete Kräuter, getrocknete Blutorangen, feine Bitterschokolade im Finish, gute Länge»

**Hans-Martin Geselmann**