

## CLINET

Pomerol

CHÂTEAU CLINET POMEROL ■ 2002



**CHÂTEAU CLINET** is located at the highest point of the Pomerol Plateau on the famous Günz gravel terrace, origin of the appellation's most prestigious crus.

A remarkable **terroir** of old gravel and deep clay over a subsoil of clinker.

**The vines** are grown with total respect for the environment, giving pride of place to tilling and grassing rather than using chemicals, placing greater confidence in the human hand than in the profitability of the machine.



The **state-of-the-art installations** in the cellars complement the natural assets of the appellation and the resources of the vineyard to get the very best out of the grapes and the wine.



This outstanding wine, the result of the combination of a generous terroir, a friendly climate and human foresight, is unanimously hailed as one of the most prestigious wines in the world.

<b>AREA</b>	8,64 ha
<b>GRAPE VARIETIES</b>	80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc
<b>AVERAGE AGE OF VINES</b>	42 years
<b>SOILS</b>	Ancient gravel, deep clay, iron deposit in the subsoil
<b>SOIL MAINTENANCE</b>	Tilling, natural grassing, barley
<b>AGEING</b>	100% new oak barrels during 20 months
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	20 000 bottles



## 2002, THROUGHOUT THE SEASONS...

The 2002 Château Clinet has the advantage of being enjoyable to drink after just a few years in bottle, the most impatient wine enthusiasts will be pleased to know!

Its peak years of maturity are between 2007 and 2016. Beyond that time, the wine should begin developing the tradition aromas of great Pomerols, i.e. **truffles, undergrowth, leather and jammy fruit**.

The vintage produced a small crop on account of a tricky flowering caused by a damp and cool month of May. These weather conditions brought about coulure and millerandage (lack of fruit setting through inadequate pollination).

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The summer that followed was dull, not particularly wet, but with lower than usual temperatures for the season.

The grapes reached optimum ripeness thanks to **excellent weather in September**.

The picking began on September 22, with a crop of 25 hectolitres per hectare, the smallest since 1991.

ALCOHOL	13 %
TOTAL ACIDITY	3,15 g/l
MATURITY	2007 - 2016
FOOD AND WINE	Beef, Game and Lamb

**THE WINE ADVOCATE** 88

“This soft, deep ruby/plum-colored effort exhibits notions of herbs, cassis, cherries, and flowers. While medium-bodied, harmonious, and well-made, it lacks the power and concentration of Clinet’s top vintages. Consume it over the next decade.

A strong effort in a year that did not favor Pomerol, Clinet’s 2002 boasts a dense purple color as well as medium to full body, and a sweet perfume of figs, black currants, blackberries, and hints of cedar, earth, and licorice. A relatively full-throttle Pomerol with moderately high tannin, it should be at its finest between 2007-2016.” - *Robert Parker - April 2005*

**WINE SPECTATOR** 88

“Slightly stewed, but with good berry and herb character. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a fruity finish. Comes clean on the palate. Delicious. Best after 2007.” - *James Suckling - March 2005*

**DECANTER** ★★★★★

Quite fleshy and extracted but without the traditional Clinet power. Cassis and spicy oak on the nose and palate, aromatic (more Cabernet notes than usual), firm finish. Drink 2006-2012 - *April 2003*

**STEPHEN TANZER’S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR** 86-90

“Deep ruby-red. Exotic nose combines black raspberry, cocoa powder, meat, mocha and brown spices. Silky, sweet and rich, with enticing, smoky flavors of musky wild berries, game and coffee bean. Finishes with fine, tongue-dusting, slightly dry tannins and good length. This will merit a score at the high end of my range if élevage gives it more grip.” - *Stephen Tanzer - May/June 2003*

**TOM CANNAVAN** 17 / 25

“A thick plum, tar and liquorish nose. Quite focussed with a touch of anis. The palate is dry, quite harsh tannins, compact with good grip but quite light.” - *April 2003*

**LE POINT** 16.5-17 / 20

“Fruits rouges et noirs, mûre, violette, Zan. Soyeux, tendre, plein, puis se développe avec du gras, du volume, un tanin onctueux, vers une finale fraîche et dense.” - *Jacques Dupont - April 2003*

**LA REVUE DE VIN DE FRANCE** ★★★★★

Vin de grande sève, expressif. Le nez exhale un bois épicé et toasté, marié à un caractère rôti prononcé. Gras et suave, épanoui en bouche, lascif, mais un sacré caractère! - *June 2003*