

CHÂTEAU
CLINET
Pomerol

■ **HISTORY :**

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.



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2010

GRAPE VARIETIES
85% Merlot
12% Cabernet Sauvignon
3% Cabernet Franc

AGEING
16 months
60% new barrels
40% second-fill barrels

PRODUCTION
40 000 bottles

■ **TASTING :**

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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WINE ADVOCATE - 96 +

The blend is largely dominated by 85% Merlot, with some Cabernet Sauvignon and a small amount of Cabernet Franc also included. Inky/purple-colored, the wine has an exceptionally full-bodied, layered, moderately tannic mouthfeel and impressive power. Loads of melted chocolate/fudge and black fruits galore along with some coffee bean, mocha, as well as some background oak are all present in this big, formidably endowed, masculine style of Pomerol that will take longer to shed its tannin than the 2009. I would give this wine 5-6 years of cellaring and drink it over the following 30+ years.

The 2010 is another fabulous effort from this estate of just over 20 acres located in the sector named the same as the chateau, Clinet. Modest yields of 38 hectoliters per hectare produced a final blend that hit 14.4% natural alcohol. - *Robert Parker - February 2013*

WINE SPECTATOR - 95

"This showy, packed and well-endowed Pomerol pumps out notes of warm linzer torte, plum preserves and blackberry reduction, all supported by a broad, charcoal- and ganache-coated structure and deeply embedded acidity. Very muscular on the back end, this boasts a still-chewy feel. Among the most backward of the 2010 Pomerols, this requires significant cellaring. For those who enjoy more power than subtlety. Best from 2017 through 2035..." - *James Molesworth - March 2013*

NEAL MARTIN 'S WINE JOURNAL - 94 -96

Tasted somewhere (but I cannot remember exactly where) the Clinet 2010 has a precocious nose that soon settles in the glass: very pure dark cherry and blueberry fruit with touches of black olive and vanilla, building in intensity but remaining composed. The palate is full-bodied with ripe "clingy" tannins that do not want to let go and yet the texture of smooth and seductive. Don't be fooled by the first half. Those tannins kick in towards the second with a surprising dry, taut, tar-tinged finish.

This is a complex Clinet that will really show its true colours after bottling. Well done Ronan!

Tasted March 2011.

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER - JEFF LEVE - 95-97

Owner, Ronan Laborde, used what he called a classic Pomerol blend of 85% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Cabernet Franc. Effective yields are also lower than in 2009. In fact, they are close to 25% less, which means there will be a lot less wine in the marketplace from this outstanding vintage. Opaque in color, explosive, floral, plum, black fruit, jammy berry, oak, chocolate and black raspberry scents create a beguiling perfume. This complex, spicy Bordeaux wine coats your palate with layers of pure, sweet, ripe plums. This is a hedonistic, sensuous style of Pomerol that blends intensity with pleasure and chocolate covered ripe fruit. Tasted April 2010.

JAMES SUCKLING - 97

Gorgeous nose with lots of dark fruit like plum and blueberries. Crushed pepper and chalk with wild strawberries and vanilla. Dense and velvety on the palate with superbly polished tannins and great depth. It's absolutely gorgeous now but needs at least five to six years of bottle age to really show its great quality. - *James Suckling - February 2013*

GAVIN QUINNEY - 94 - 97

DECANTER - 17/20

Dark, rich and powerful. Good attack. Undoubted depth and reserve but I prefer the balance and charm of the '09. Bit more extraction this year? Drink 2018-2035. - *James Lawther April 2011*

JANCIS ROBINSON - 16,5 / 20

Blackish crimson. Such ripeness it's almost cheesy on the nose. Then very firm on the palate – verging on inkiness. A real backbone here! This wine's two faces don't seem to be talking to each other yet. It may get there in the end...? - *Jancis Robinson - April 2011*

LE POINT - 15,5

Fruits noirs, mûre, boisé, bouche ronde, merlot très mûr, très fruits mûrs en milieu de bouche, puissant, solaire - *Jacques Dupont April 2011*