

CHÂTEAU CLINET Pomerol

CHATEAU CLINET :

Chateau Clinet, owned by the Laborde family, produces **wonderfully smooth wines**. Its vineyards stand at the highest point of the **Pomerol plateau**, in the heart of the appellation's most prestigious estates.

Sustainable viticulture methods are used to tend the vineyard; **the average age of the vines is 47 years**.

The cellars are equipped with **state-of-the-art facilities**.

Recent vintages have been **hailed by critics: 100 PARKER points for the 2009 vintage, 96+ in 2010...**

WITH EACH PASSING SEASON... :

Irregular weather conditions during the growing season led to uneven bud-break and flowering, which heralded a low-yield harvest.

Summer was very dry and sunny. Not a drop of rain from 15th July to 20th September!

The consequent water constraints speeded up the ripening of the grapes, particularly on the young Merlot vines, which were harvested on 8th and 14th September.

To face the challenge of this vintage, CLINET has taken innovative steps in several areas and harvested its grapes in multiple passes with selective picking, for the very first time.

All parcels were harvested in two or sometimes three passes through the vineyard to pick each grape as it reached perfect maturity.

The harvest ended on 9th and 10th October, with the old Merlot vines and the Cabernet vines (Franc and Sauvignon).

The harvest, down by nearly 30% compared to the 2011 vintage, is the result of rigorous selection, in order to **offer precision-made wines that are complex, well-balanced and refreshing with crisp fruit flavours**.



PRESSBOOK :

ROBERT PARKER	92 - 94+
«...The 2012 Clinet is another star of the vintage...»	
WINE SPECTATOR	91 - 94
«...A more hedonistic style of Pomerol, retaining good balance...» - James Molesworth	
NEIL MARTIN	91 - 93
«...This is a well-crafted Clinet...»	
MARKUS DEL MONEGO	94
«...Great wine...»	
JEFF LEVE	91 - 93
«...Liquorice, earth, plums and herbal scents, followed by sensuous, fresh and spicy fennel, black raspberry and cherry...»	
DECANTER	17 / 20
«...Harmonious...» - James Lauther	
LA REVUE DE VINS DE FRANCE	16-17/ 20
«...Seduit par son allonge et la grande distinction de ses tanins...» - O. Poels	



2012

GRAPE VARIETIES

90% Merlot
9% Cabernet Sauvignon
1% Cabernet Franc

AGEING

50% new barrels
50% second-fill barrels

PRODUCTION

3 800 cases

TASTING :

Château CLINET 2012 is black-purple in colour.

Full of charm on the nose, it exudes aromas of wild raspberries, blackberries and wild strawberries.

The lush fruit intertwines subtly with flavours of cocoa, toast, liquorice, vanilla and Madagascar pepper.

Silky and intense on the palate. Its rich, smooth mouthfeel oozes an intricate blend of ripe fruit and warm spice.

A lingering, flavourful finish.