



A FEW KEY FACTS

- ~ A vintage that was overall warm and very dry (473 mm from 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022),
- ~ Sustained heat and drought throughout the season (winter, spring and summer),
- ~ Very little disease pressure in the vineyard,
- ~ The sanitary condition of the grapes was excellent: small berries, skins concentrated with lots of tannin, and little juice...

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 2022 VINTAGE

- ~ Exceptional growing season conditions:
 - * A mild and dry winter.
 - * A frosty start to spring with a week of cold weather marked by five “spring frosts”, with temperatures falling to -4°C on 3rd April 2022, thankfully with no severe damage.
 - * A very summery month of May, which speeded up the growing cycle and brought on early flowering (between 10th and 25th May), in optimal conditions.
 - * The month of June came with the first spell of very high temperatures, as well as rainfall (69 mm) that was to prove crucial with the dry weather in the weeks that followed.
 - * Summer was very hot and extremely dry (one day: 12 mm in July, three days: 20 mm in August).
 - * This radiant weather meant the ripening of the grapes stayed ahead of scheduled and resulted in the earliest harvest on record (two weeks earlier than usual) starting at the beginning of September.
- ~ The harvested grapes were very small, requiring very gentle handling during winemaking, resulting in slow and prolonged extraction (a vatting period of 30 days).
- ~ The wines are aged in Bordeaux barrels (“barriques”) (225 l), 80% new and 20% second-fill, for approximately 18 months.

- ~ Weather conditions that:
 - * created concentration in the ripeness of the grapes (colour, power, intensity of the aromas),
 - * preserved the finesse of the aromas,
 - * resulted, however, in “low” yields, generally lower than previous vintages.
- ~ Five keys to understanding the resilience of the Clinet vines:
 - * the recent succession of warm and dry vintages (notably 2016, 18, 19 and 20),
 - * the drought that set in from the very beginning of the 2022 growing season,
 - * a good diurnal range with cooler night conditions during the very hot weather,
 - * a clay terroir that is cool and provides the vines with a constant supply of water,
 - * the experience and ability to adapt of our team of experts, when faced with these weather conditions (restricted leaf removal, green harvesting, grass cover maintained between the rows...),
- ~ A Vintage of extremes:
 - * drought,
 - * daytime heatwaves,
 - * early harvests,
 - * levels of tannin concentration,
- ~ A thrill to observe and taste (rich, intense and balanced all at once)!

BLEND 80% MERLOT
20% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALCOHOL 14.5%

PRODUCTION 45 000 BOTTLES

AGEING 80% NEW BARRELS
20% SECOND FILL BARRELS

VINEYARD A PRODUCTION AREA OF 9.8 HECTARES

SUB-SOIL ANCIENT GRAVEL AND DEEP CLAY

SOIL 34HL/HA

YIELD MERLOTS
6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 AND 14 SEPTEMBER

HARVEST DATE CABERNETS
20 AND 21 SEPTEMBER

96-98

JEB DUNNUCK

« this beauty does everything right and brings a beautiful mix of richness and elegance.»

Jeb Dunnuck

94-96



« (...) it storms out of the glass (...) This is a wonderfully decadent wine that will be very long-lived. »

Lisa Perotti-Brown MW

97-99



« (...) pure hedonistic-decadence that must be felt to be believed. »

Jeff Leve

96



« (...) maintains its sleek intense concentrated and supremely classy character. Strong tannic build up, muscular and full of intent. »

Jane Anson

93-95



«This is an impressive composition, with a huge but certainly ripe structure, and great length. One for the cellar. »

Chris Kissack

95-97



« (...) ce millésime de Clinet conjugue fraîcheur et dimension hédoniste, il va loin dans le détail et semble promis à une magnifique carrière. »



94-96+



« (...) the 2022 Clinet is a success (...) it's impressively vibrant, with a rich core of fruit framed by powdery tannins from judicious extraction. »

William Kelley

18.5+



« (...) the flavour explosion is completely arresting (...) Super-long and with impressive definition, this is a crisply-focussed wine, crackling with electricity. »

Matthew Jukes

94-96



« The 2022 Clinet is terrific. Vibrant, aromatic and beautifully sculpted, Clinet is also a terrific example of the energy quality-minded winemakers were able to achieve in 2022. (...) This is stellar. »

Antonio Galloni

94-96



« Le raffinement d'un gentilhomme élégant. »



96
Decanter

« Streamlined and sleek, silky smooth but also gorgeously textured, clean and clear with grip and interest. »

Georgina Hindle

97



« (...) de la classe dans le toucher, sans jamais se départir de la nature historiquement moelleuse du cru. C'est long, fondant, très bon et sans angle tannique. »

Jean-Marc Quarin

94-96



« This is a linear Pomerol with impressive delineation on the almost pastille-like finish. I appreciate this Clinet's persistence and discrete spiciness on the aftertaste. Excellent. »

Neal Martin

98



« A wonderful wine with precision and depth, excellent length, a stunning Clinet. »

Markus del Monego MW

96-97



« Que de grâce, de souplesse. Tout est cohérent, linéaire. (...) L'harmonie est acquise, le charme et la grandeur également. »

Yves Beck

96-97



« Château Clinet 2022 resembles a sophisticated gentleman with passionate, vibrant soul. »

Alexandre Ma