



BLEND 75% MERLOT
25% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ALCOHOL 14%

PRODUCTION 54 000 BOTTLES

AGEING 80% NEW BARRELS
20% SECOND-FILL BARRELS

VINEYARD A PRODUCTION AREA OF 9.8 HECTARES

SOIL CLAY AND GRAVEL

YIELD 42 HL/HA

HARVEST DATE MERLOTS
13, 14, 15 SEPTEMBER AND
18, 19, 20 SEPTEMBER

CABERNETS
25 AND 26 SEPTEMBER



* New Website *



TASTING NOTES

«Château Clinet 2023 is deeply coloured, with hints of bright ruby. Complex and fine on the nose, aromas of dark fruit, cherry and raspberry mingle with lavender and mint.

The palate reveals a densely textured wine, exuding ripe fruit flavours of black cherry, plum and wild strawberry, sprinkled with cinnamon.

A finish of pure pleasure, vibrant and intense.»

Ronan LABORDE, owner & CEO

A FEW KEY FACTS

- An early-cycle Vintage, with regular rainfall, that benefitted from three weeks of very warm and dry weather just before the harvest
- The sanitary condition of the grapes was excellent: average-sized berries, skins highly concentrated in tannins, and moderate levels of alcohol
- Weather conditions that:
 - Concentrated the ripeness of the grapes (colour, balance, aromatic intensity),
 - Preserved aromatic finesse,
 - Provided generous yields, the second highest over the past twenty years (after 2016)

CULTURAL METHODS

- Grass cover between rows, throughout the vineyard
- Under-vine ploughing
- Sustainable viticultural practices and environmental approach
- High leaf canopy (+175 cm)
- Leaf removal: morning-sun side only
- Green harvesting
- Plot-by-plot harvest

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

- Manual sorting
- Light crushing
- A “Galiléo” rotating concrete vat for vinification without pumping
- Stainless steel vats, perfectly designed to house the different plots of CLINET / Vats equipped with an alveolar, double-walled, adjustable thermoregulation system

AGEING

- 80% new barrels, 20% Second-fill barrels
- Use of the OXOLINE system, to reduce “bâtonnage” (stirring of the lees)
- Expected ageing time: 18 months



VINTAGE

A growing season characterised by:

- A mild winter with normal rainfall.
- A frosty start to spring with temperatures falling below 0°C during the nights of 4th and 5th April, of no consequence given the growth stage of the vines.
- Mild temperatures, together with some rainfall, that encouraged the rapid growth of the vine during the spring, leading to flowering that took place at an advanced stage over a period of just one week (between 21st and 28th May).
The large number of primordial clusters combined with these weather conditions confirmed the prospect of a plentiful harvest.

- A cloudy start to summer, with alternating periods of sunshine and rain that stimulated the growth of the vines and kept our team busy in the vines.

- Clear skies at the end of summer, marking the start of a long period of drought, interspersed with a few spikes in temperature, in late August and early September.

- Radiant weather that boosted the ripeness of the grapes, leading to quite an early start to the harvest in mid-September (a week earlier than the norm).

- The characteristics of the harvested grapes, that were average in size, required very gentle handling during vinification, with long and slow extraction (a 28-days vatting period).



MILLÉSIME 2023
CLINET

95-97



« On the palate, the wine is energetic, vibrant, long, and up-beat. » **Jeff Leve**

95-97



« The 2023 Château Clinet boasts an aromatic expression that truly stands out! » **Alexandre Ma**

94-96



« Fresh, pure, precise. Impressive in its density and sense of layering. » **Colin Hay**

93-95



« Au palais, la texture de cachemire, d'une suprême douceur, pénètre dans tous les coins et recoins de la bouche. »

97



« On the palate opulent and well structured with very good length, aromatic depth and juicy fruit. A very promising future. » **Markus del Monego MW**

96-97



« L'ensemble est soutenu par des tannins énergisants, un tour de poivre et d'épices, une finale zestée. Bravo ! »

94



« Le vin évolue avec du goût et un corps fondant, vers une finale ascendante, à la fois savoureuse, charnue et délicate. » **Jean-Marc Quarin**

93-95+



« The 2023 Château Clinet is flat-out gorgeous, and it's certainly going to be up near the top end of the pyramid in the vintage. » **Jeb Dunnuck**

94-96



« Well done, this is delicious. » **Chris Kissack**

95-96



« This is full-bodied yet tight and poised, with a pretty, pure center-palate of ripe fruit and fine, integrated tannins. Classy presence. » **James Suckling**

19/20



« Gute Dichte, saftig, viel feines Tannin, gute Struktur, feine Säure, [...] lang. » **HM Geselmann**

94-96



« The 2023 Clinet is powerful and racy right out of the gate. » **Antonio Galloni**

95



« A great quality Clinet, well judged appellation typicity, and floral kick on the finish. » **Jane Anson**

94-96



« As is routinely the case at this address, it's a successfully rendered Pomerol in a more modern style. » **William Kelley**

93-95



« This is a delightful, composed Clinet that should drink well after four to five years. » **Neal Martin**