

CLOS DU CLOCHER 2023



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Jean-Baptiste Bourotte et Mathieu Bonté le savent, ils ont donné naissance à un Clos du Clocher très réussi. Un cap a été franchi à la propriété grâce à la fine alchimie trouvée entre le charme typique du cru et le brio du fruit. Ce 2023 se distingue surtout par son jeu de texture : on profite à la fois d'une grande gourmandise, avec un merlot voluptueux, mais dès le milieu de bouche, les 27 % de cabernets francs reprennent le dessus, donnant un accent médocain, quasi-graphite. Grande allonge



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(Pomerol; 70% Merlot – with a little in the process of being replanted reducing the proportion in the blend this year; 30% Cabernet Franc; this is the 100th vintage; a final yield of 40 hl/ha; 13.9% alcohol; from 3 blocs of parcels, totalling just 3.5 hectares, the largest planted in 1924 on the western part of the plateau on blue clay, the second next to Trotanoy on gravel over blue clay and the third below the property itself next to Beauregard; tasted at Clos du Clocher with Jean-Baptiste Bourotte and Mathieu Bonté; picked over 5 weeks). A lovely signature of the property, a gloriously effusive Pomerol nose, with lots of generosity and amplitude as is its style. Violet, rose petals, saffron, walnut and almond, frangipane, a little toasted brioche. Blood orange. Gloriously spherical, plump and round, gracious and full in the mouth. A wonderfully sapid and plump mouthful. Very fine on the finish. Compact and dense but not overly so, giving space to the Cabernet Franc to express itself. Excitingly joyous and vivid. Chewy on the finish. More like La Conseillante than Eglise-Clinet in this vintage

JANE ANSON
INSIDE BORDEAUX

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An aromatic, cocooning Pomerol, showing density without weight, and a controlled release of cocoa bean, pomegranate, slate, cassis, blueberry, squid ink, soy, liquorice root, with a mouthwatering finish. Well located vineyard on the plateau near to the Pomerol church, with old vine Cabernet Franc that dates back to 1957, and older 1930s vines used for massal selection. On its final year of organic certification, using natural yeasts, low sulphur additions and wine globes for ageing along with 55% new oak barrels. Mathieu Bonté technical director, Jean-Baptiste Bourotte owner. Harvest September 5 to October 3, 3.57ph.

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« Top wines: Petrus above all, but also La Conseillante, VCC, Lafleur, L'Évangile, Le Pin and Clos du Clocher ».

Tasted by: Georgina Hindle

Drinking Window: 2029 - 2049

Beautiful cool blueberry and purple floral scents on the nose - violets and roses but then changes to more red fruits after a few minutes. Extremely aromatic and open, expressive and forward. Quite ripe, this has that Pomerol opulence in terms of ripe fruit notes. Smooth and supple, bright and lively, so clean and pure. Tangy and vibrant, lots of really bright red fruits, cranberries and red cherries. Underlying power with a firm backbone that keeps the direction and sense of push from start to finish. Refined for sure, there's no overt chew but this does have depth. There's not the richness of 2023, but this has focus and a precise fruit profile with an enjoyable saline finish. Feels classy and sophisticated. Still has a lot of density though, the fruit is ripe, the tannins are supportive and the acidity is great ending long and cool. A great Clos du Clocher. Harvest September 5 - October 3. 85 IPT. 3.58pH. Ageing 55% new barrels with 10% small concrete vats and wine globes. A yield of 40hl/ha.

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70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc

Sol dense, gravelo-argileux sur sous-sol d'argiles bleues. Composé à 70% de Merlot et 30% de Cabernet Franc, Clos du Clocher annonce de la profondeur, déjà au nez ! Les notes de baies noires, suffisamment mûres, mais pas trop, ou le caractère végétal et floral assurant la fraîcheur, soulignent les ambitions méticuleuses ! La fraîcheur est également bien présente en bouche, dès l'attaque. Elle précède un vin précis, friand, aux tannins subtilement austères avec, pour finaliser, une acidité salivante. Encore une fois, Clos du Clocher titille l'excellence. Il est caressant, puissant, élégant et persistant. Un régal ! 2029-2050

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This solid, structured Pomerol boasts a very tight and focused palate of fruit and chewy tannins, yet it remains polished and focused. This has a real sense of provenance

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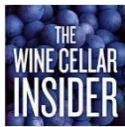
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I never expected the 2023 Clos du Clocher to be so crisp and fragrant. Swirls of violets linger in the nose, and when sipped, layers of orange peel and tangerine zest sparkle on the tongue. The robust texture from the gravelly clay terroir becomes much gentler with the aid of high acidity. The sweet and sour flavors of sour dates, waxberries, and orange peel brightly dress up the entire palate. The fine tannins melt on the tongue, subtly revealing the wine's ideal complexity



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The blend is 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc; the picking was in three stages, young then old Merlot, then Cabernet Franc, the picking spaced out more than usual, running from September 5th through to October 3rd. This is aromatically confident, with graphite, dried blackberry fruits, salted liquorice, violets and rose petal. The palate is just delicious, with a convincing texture and substance, with a nicely integrated backbone of softly polished tannins, making a very convincing composition on the whole. There is beautiful energy, precision and harmony here, leading into a finish infused with soft tannin, which persists in an impressive length. This is a delicious example of Pomerol, and a great success for the appellation in this vintage. Impressive. The alcohol on analysis is 13.9%.



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Flowers, plums, blackberries, truffle, black cherries, dark chocolate, smoke, and espresso show readily in the nose, The palate is lush, supple, creamy, and vibrant, with silky tannins, length, and loads of ripe, black cherries, blue fruit, that are all accompanied by dark chocolate. Harvesting took place September 5 - October 4, making this one of the longest harvests in the history of the estate. The wine blends 70% Merlot with 30% Cabernet Franc. 13.9% ABV, 3.58 pH. Drink from 2028-2045. 94-96 Pts.



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A blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc, Clos du Clocher 2023 has a pH of 3.57. It was harvested in three passes, between the 5th of September and the 3rd of October. It has a deep garnet-purple color and after a couple of swirls the nose bursts with flamboyant scents of roses and violets, giving way to a core of wild blueberries and juicy plums, plus hints of underbrush and iron ore. The medium-bodied palate is densely laden with bright black and blue fruit layers, supported by firm, fine-grained tannins and beautifully knit freshness, finishing long and perfumed.

MARKUS DEL MONEGO

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Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Excellent nose with expressive character, ripe blackcurrants, black cherries and plums, hints of violets, hints of orange zest in the background. Subtle oak and discreet hints of dark chocolate, cocoa and mild spices in the background. On the palate well structured with very good mid palate and excellent length. Fresh finish with excellent length.



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Couleur sombre, intense et belle. Nez très aromatique, fin, pur, fruité, subtil. Touche de gelée de mûres. Très profond à l'agitation du verre. Minutieux en entrée de bouche, aromatique au milieu, accompagné d'un gras fin qui parcourt le palais, le vin évolue juteux et long. Il termine ascendant en finale sur un grain fin et beaucoup d'arômes. Un délice ! Assemblage : 70 % merlot, 30 % cabernet franc.