

Château Clinet

The Château Clinet 2021 is a remarkable Pomerol wine, offering a refined balance between power and elegance. With its deep fruit concentration and fine tannins, this vintage highlights the potential of Merlot-dominant blends from the famed Pomerol region.

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Bordeaux, France

Region and Vineyards

Château Clinet is situated in the prestigious **Pomerol** appellation on the Right Bank of Bordeaux, an area known for producing some of the most luxurious Merlot-based wines in the world. The estate's vineyards are planted on **gravel and clay soils**, which are ideal for growing **Merlot** and **Cabernet Sauvignon**. These soils offer excellent drainage and impart the mineral qualities that give Clinet's wines their depth and elegance.

The 2021 growing season was marked by challenges, including variable weather, but **Château Clinet** managed to harvest fruit with excellent concentration. The vineyard management team's dedication to sustainable viticulture ensured the production of high-quality grapes, with a focus on preserving the health and longevity of the vines.

Winemaking

The **Château Clinet 2021** was crafted using traditional Bordeaux winemaking techniques. The grapes, primarily **Merlot** with a small percentage of **Cabernet Sauvignon**, were carefully selected and fermented in **stainless steel tanks** to retain the purity of the fruit. The wine was then aged for **16 months** in **oak barrels**, with a mix of **80% new oak** and **20% one-year-old barrels**. This extended aging process added layers of complexity to the wine, integrating the tannins and enhancing the flavors of dark fruit, spice, and oak.

Matured with precision, this wine showcases a harmonious balance between the richness of **Merlot** and the structure of **Cabernet Sauvignon**, with the oak influence providing depth and subtle notes of vanilla and cedar.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep purple-black with a brilliant sheen.
- **Aroma**: The nose opens with concentrated aromas of **blackberry**, **plum**, and **blueberry**, interwoven with hints of **cedar**, **licorice**, and **graphite**.
- **Palate**: The palate is rich and full-bodied, dominated by ripe flavors of **black fruits**, such as **blackcurrant** and **black cherry**, layered with earthy undertones and a touch of **spice**. The tannins are fine-grained, providing structure and elegance, while the bright acidity adds vibrancy.
- **Finish**: The finish is long and persistent, with lingering notes of **dark chocolate** , **cedar**, and a touch of **minerality**, promising excellent aging potential.

Did You Know?

Château Clinet is one of the oldest properties in **Pomerol**, with records dating back to the 18th century. The **2021 vintage** showcases the estate's commitment to producing high-quality, terroir-driven wines, capable of aging for decades. This wine can be enjoyed now but will develop beautifully over the next 20-30 years, reaching its peak around **2040-2050**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised lamb shank with rosemary**: The wine's rich, savory notes and fine tannins complement the tender, herbaceous lamb.
- **Beef Wellington**: The layers of puff pastry, mushroom duxelles, and beef are enhanced by the wine's depth and complexity, with its fruity and earthy elements harmonizing beautifully with the dish.
- **Roast duck with black cherry sauce**: The ripe fruit flavors of the wine pair well with the sweet and savory character of roast duck.
- **Aged cheddar or Comté**: The intensity and structure of the wine make it an excellent match for strong, aged cheeses, enhancing the flavors with its long, persistent finish.



Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2021)

At 75% Merlot and fully 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2021 Clinet contains the highest proportion of Cabernet in the blend (excepting the 2003) since at least the 1980s. Ronan Laborde harvested late, picking into mid-October, to craft a medium to full-bodied, deep and impressively seamless wine evocative of dark berries, baking chocolate, violets and spices. Concentrated and nicely integrated, it is one of the vintage's notable successes. (WK)

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Decanter (DCT) : 95 Points (2021)

An exceptional Clinet in 2021. Richly scented, dark and roguish, a touch of sour cherry and perfume to the nose. Round, supple, generous and vibrant on the palate - this has a lifeforce to it with nuance of red berry flavour and real persistency as well as juicy acidity. I love the upfront nature of this and the really quite vivid and expressive red fruits while the background gives the savoury, menthol, liquorice notes offering depth and wideness - lots of terroir and grape markers in the glass - particularly the high percentage (25%) of Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend. Tannins are firm and supportive with the overall freshness lifting the frame, delivering a full mouthfeel with a density of tannins and black fruit that doesn't dip. Well worked and presented. A touch of wood on the finish but subtle and supportive. You also get the florality all the way through which is just so appealing. Supremely well worked, charming but also confident - I absolutely love it and it clearly stood out every time tasting it - four times in total. 45,000 bottles made, same production as 2020. (GH)

James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2021)

Firm, lightly chewy yet creamy tannins. Savory bark and herb notes. Cloves and licorice, too. Medium body with a polished, lengthy and firm finish. Compact.