



Château La Connivence, Pomerol 2018

Ten years on from the first vintage of La Connivence, and Alexandre de Malet Roquefort is still tinkering with the vineyard and the blends, exchanging Merlot clones for better ones, altering the balance between Cabernet and Merlot, and although this is very clearly still a work in progress – what wine isn't? – the family pedigree shines through. With just 1.1 hectares of vines to play with, Alexandre and his team always have their work cut out, so the contrary 2018 growing season was just one more challenge to be faced and overcome; and overcome it they did.

Although production was down, they still managed a very respectable 35 hectolitres per hectare – which sounds a lot, until you realise they only have one hectare... In reality, this translates to 15 barrels of wine, or just over 4,000 bottles, which were, this year, split with the majority going to second wine Belle Connivence and only 40% making it to Grand Vin status.

The 2018 wines both have an uplifted elegance, much more evident this year than in any previous one, which overlays the powerful structure giving wines which are deceptively approachable now but which will really repay cellaring too, particularly La Connivence. We cannot recommend them highly enough.

Nicola Arcedeckne-Butler MW
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La Belle Connivence, Pomerol 2018

6 bottles per case: £240
3 magnums per case: £240
1 double magnum: £195

85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc.

Dense purple black to the rim, not quite opaque, with a nose of creamy black fruits, very fresh and juicy, perfumed with hints of violet. On the palate sweet dense black fruit, spiced and almost peppery, with a light grilled note behind, lightly creamed and very elegant, with surprisingly less brute power than in previous years, with super-ripe tannins underscoring the fruit and going to a racy, tight finish. Drink 2023 - 2034+

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6 bottles per case: £770
3 magnums per case: £770
1 double magnum: £520
1 imperial (6 litres): £950

70% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Franc.

Dense purple black to the rim, opaque and deep, with a wonderfully focused nose of black cherry fruit, really rich, perfumed with violets, grilled and going to a sweet, juicy, intense palate with fresh low-toast oak notes, concentrated and velvety, with very smooth, substantial yet unobtrusive ripe tannins behind. A really elegant and pretty wine with an intense, balanced, super-long finish. Supreme. Drink 2028 - 2040



The 2018 vintage will be shipped in the Spring of 2021

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