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## Clos Cantenac & Château Séraphine 2018

### The Right Bank adventures of the Krajewski family

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Since her return from New Zealand in 2017, the wines of Clos Cantenac and Château Séraphine have been made by Charlotte Krajewski, Martin's daughter. Full of ideas yet respectful of tradition, Charlotte – or Lolly as she is known to her friends – is making incredibly pure, vibrant wines which are all about their *terroir*. In 2018, the *grands vins* for both properties are 100% Merlot and, despite being less than five kilometres apart, they couldn't be more different – a fabulous lesson in why place matters so much.

As with the rest of the region, the wet spring caused some issues, with Clos Cantenac losing around 15% of its crop; once the fine weather came, one of the gravel plots suffered from the heat and lack of water but the rest of the vineyard has a clay subsoil which kept the vines refreshed and healthy. In Pomerol, Séraphine's single hectare has a majority clay soil and, as a result, suffered little water stress. Harvest started relatively early and Lolly insisted on thorough sorting both in the vineyard and winery to avoid any possibility of damaged grapes making it into the vats; in terms of winemaking, she fermented at cool temperatures, keeping the extractions as gentle as possible to encourage enticing aromatics and ensure that only the supplest of tannins made the cut.

The various plots of Clos Cantenac were subjected to even greater scrutiny than usual, with some parcels destined for Petit Cantenac right from day one; two plots which routinely produce the best wines saw some of their fruit fermented as whole bunches, without being destemmed, whilst the others went down the more traditional route; they are all being fermented separately and will be racked in June when the final blend will be made.

Château Séraphine's vineyards are split 50/50 between the zones of Mazèyres and Plince, both names which Pomerol lovers will recognise. In 2017 Mazèyres had the upper hand over Plince but in 2018 this was reversed and the majority of the wine comes from the Plince vines, which are closest to Séraphine's stunning new château and *chais*. Last year saw the *début* of Château Séraphine – described by Jane Anson in Decanter as “a rising star in Pomerol” and, having tasted the second vintage, we could not agree with her more.

The wines are listed on the following page and are offered subject to availability. To place an order, please call us on 01353 721 999.

Nicola Arcedeckne-Butler MW  
May 2019



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£ per case  
in bond, London



## Petit Cantenac Grand Cru St Emilion

2018

12 bottles	£195
6 magnums	£200
1 double magnum	£80
1 imperial	£155

90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Deep inky purple black right to the rim with a nose of spiced black fruit, sweet and rich, really plummy with spice leading to a substantial palate of huge black fruits, soft and supple in the mid palate with fine tannins and just a distant note of alcohol behind. The finish starts quietly but then grows with vibrant cherry fruit behind the spicy layers and a distant touch of graphite.

So appealing! Drink 2023 - 2029



## Clos Cantenac Grand Cru St Emilion

2018

12 bottles	£330
6 magnums	£335
1 double magnum	£125
1 imperial	£255

100% Merlot

Deep red black with intense, plummy, dark fruit on the nose, spiced and musky, oriental, really alluring with some mineral, almost stony notes yet perfumed too. Big dense black fruit on the palate with massive, supple tannins, spiced with a distant hint of cognac, really rich and in need of some time to come round. Drink 2026 - 2037



## Château Séraphine Pomerol

2018

6 bottles	£525
3 magnums	£525
1 double magnum	£405
1 imperial	£775

100% Merlot

Deeply coloured with dense black fruit on the nose, dusty and mineral, perfumed and intense too with notes of mulberry and spice, even distant hints of thyme with *garrigue* and black pepper. Deeply concentrated on the palate with firm, mineral black fruit, sweet and savoury, more cool and poised. Mid weight initially on the finish, and then it grows and evolves, really intense and elegant, and so very different to Clos Cantenac. Superb. Drink 2026 - 2039

We tasted these wines on Sunday 31st March 2019 at Château Séraphine, Pomerol

These wines will be shipped in the spring of 2021 | E&OE | Private Cellar's Terms & Conditions for *en primeur* purchases apply

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