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Clos Cantenac, Grand Cru St Emilion Magnums 2022

Red | France | Bordeaux | 14% | Full-bodied red

CODE: CC370224

90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc; normally this is 100% Merlot but the Cabernet was so good this year it was included in the blend. Part of the fermentation was carried out in barrel with whole, uncrushed berries to emphasise the fruit flavours and help integrate the oak.

Deep, dense and dark to the rim, vibrant and bright on the nose with big blackberry fruit, very primary, with a grilled note behind. Intense black fruits on the palate with notes of dark cherry, grilled with a hint of coffee; there are plenty of tannins but they are so incredibly supple and wrapped in fruit, with notes of incense and spice going to a lovely long, fresh, fruited finish. Deceptively supple at present, this is gorgeous and one of Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW's bargain-hunter wines in 2022.

Tasting Notes

In its second decade, the Krajewski family's Clos Cantenac, to the west of St Emilion, continues to go from strength to strength. The vines, which now average around 35 years old, are really getting into their stride and Martin's daughter Charlotte – Lolly – who has been making the wine there for the past three vintages, is constantly refining how she treats the grapes, both in the vineyard and the cellar, in order to highlight their *terroir*.

150cl Bottle	Case (3 bottles)
£98.27	£294.82