

CHATEAU LA CONSEILLANTE 2021



Surface area: 11,8 hectares
Owners: The Nicolas Family
General Managers: Dr Bertrand Nicolas & Jean-Valmy Nicolas
Managing Director: Marielle Cazaux



Soil composition : 60% grey clay and 40% sandy gravel,
Grape varieties : 80% Merlot & 20% Cabernet Franc
Average age of the vines : 35 years



Harvest : Merlot, from 28/09 to 01/10 – Cabernet Franc, on 06/10 and 12/10 (by hand in small crates)
Vinification : A 5-day cold soak, a 27-day vatting period, and 7% of the crop by integral vinification.



Vat room: 22 fully temperature-controlled epoxy-lined concrete vats.
Ageing: 70% in new French oak barrels - 27% in second-fill barrels - 3% in amphorae.
Ageing time: 16 months.



The 2021 growing season began in mild weather but with a certain amount of rain. Winter had been warmer than average, and rainfall was very much higher. The great turning point in the season was the early part of spring when a cold snap produced a winter-like frost during the night of April 7th.

Low temperatures, which continued from March until May, slowed down the vine cycle making it later than the previous three vintages. Between May and June, rainfall reached 250 mm. These wet conditions, together with increasingly mild temperatures, meant that constant close monitoring of vine health was essential. This situation continued throughout the summer period. While during July and August, rainfall decreased, temperatures were markedly cooler than the ten-year average. The veraison of the Merlot proved slow (lasting from July to mid-August), while that of the Cabernet was completed more quickly, taking place around 18th August. The colour change in the Cabernet had been quickened by the summer's rain. As is often the case in Bordeaux, late summer and early autumn brought fine weather. While September was less rainy and warmer than



The 2021 is a fruity, creamy and quite concentrated wine. The vintage has texture and bright fruit and a delicate, tannic mouth-feel.

The freshness, juicy flavour and digestible character of the wine reminds us somewhat of the La Conseillante 2012, or even the 2016 in some ways.

The balance between the alcoholic degree, around 13°, and the good levels of acidity, gives this vintage very good ageing capacity. This 2021 will delight and surprise many a consumer.



2021 technical data:

Blend:	Yield: 39 hl/ha	Total Acidity: 3,2 g/L
85% Merlot & 15% Cabernet Franc	Alcohol: 13,3°	pH: 3,6