Château Pape Clément 2021

CSPC# 753465 750mlx12 13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 47% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot.

Appellation Pessac-Léognan Classification **Grand Cru Classe Graves** Website https://bernard-magrez.com/en/

Sustainability Terra Vitis Label and HVE3 Label (high environmental value 3rd level)

General Info

The red wine of Château Pape Clement is a classified growth. The vineyards were first planted in the 13th century by Bertrand de Goth, the youngest son of a noble family from Bordeaux. He was elected Pope in 1305, during the reign of Philippe le Bel, and took the name of Clément V. Château Pape Clément belonged to the Archbishop of Bordeaux until the French Revolution. Wine has been made here continuously for 7 centuries. Château Pape Clément is one of the brightest stars in the extensive range of vineyards Bernard Magrez owns worldwide. Based in Bordeaux, the great owner has made quality his personal battle, his strength in facing the increasing competition in the wine business. Hence, the care lavished on this land exceptional qualities of which have made Pessac's reputation for over seven centuries. Pruning and leafing according to unusually demanding standards, hand destemming, vinification, and maturation in accordance with the strictest rules, all implemented so that Nature can freely express the best she has to offer. With his grand Cru Classé de Graves, Bernard Magrez gives us a rare elegance and strength which reminds us how unequalled the Bordeaux tradition remains. The production of the white Château Pape Clément has been increased some years ago. It is in general dry, rarely heavy, with spicy notes which are typical for graves from Pessac.

Winemaker Julien Vilaud. Michel Rolland consults.

Vintage

Vineyards

2021 is a year that was characterized by complex climatic conditions. The very wet winter gave way to a mild and particularly dry spring, with only 40 mm of precipitation in March-April, compared to 70 mm on average. This month of April was marked by several episodes of frost, causing some damage to the earliest plots. Flowering, at the beginning of June, was particularly uniform. The summer was relatively cool, with the exception of a heat wave at the end of July and mid-August,

which led to a slight delay in the veraison.

The red grape harvest began late on September 28th and ended on October 14th.

The vineyards today account for 32.5 hectares of the Pessac-Léognan vignoble, with three distinct terroirs across the estate as a whole. Over a limestone bedrock which originated in the Oligocene and Miocene eras,

there are the gravels that typify the region as a whole, as well as areas of clay and sand. The vineyards to the west are sandier, with a deep seam of gravel, whereas those to the east have an increasingly significant amount of clay, and those to the north of the estate the soils are particularly thin and poor. The red vines, which cover 53 hectares, are 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 46% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc. Here knowledge of the terroir is important, as the former variety is planted mainly to the gravelly areas whereas Merlot is selected for those soils with more clay. The majority of these vines have more than 27 years of age,

and many are over 40.

Harvest The harvest took place September 28 - October 14

Winemaking Manual plot-by-plot harvest in crates. First sorting in the vineyard. Manual grape-by-grape sorting on the

> table. Filled into oak vats from 30 to 70 hl by gravity. Pre-fermentation maceration at a low temperature of 8°C. Fully manual punching down. Maceration time of 30 days. Direct flow into barrels and French oak casks

by gravity. Malolactic fermentation in barrels (2/3 new oak and 1/3 of one previous wine)

Maturation matured for a planned 18 months in 90% French oak and 10% in the foudres introduced in 2018

Tasting Notes Deep crimson. Fresh dark cherry, blackcurrant, cedar aromas with sesame/ miso notes. Buoyant and richly

flavoured with plentiful dark cherry, blackberry fruits, fine supple/ chocolaty textures and plentiful vanilla/

savoury oak. Finishes claret firm with an inky plume. Very good density and torque

Serve with meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, chicken, roasted, braised and grilled dishes

Production unknown

1421-70 Avenue, Edmonton, AB, T6P 1N5 T: 780-462-5358

Lanigan & Edwards WINEMERCHANTSLTD

PAPE CLEMENT

W: www.lanigan-edwards.com

Cellaring Drink 2025-2050

Scores/Awards 91-94 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022

95 points - Zekun Shuai, JamesSuckling.com - December 2023

95 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - April 2024

94 points - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - March 2022

93 points - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - December 2023

93 points - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - May 2022

94 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2024

94 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2022

94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2024

16.5 points - Matthew Jukes - August 2022

94 points - Jean Marc Quarin - April 2022

93 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2022

93 points - Vert de Vin - July 2022