## STORY

Clinet is very much a part of the heritage of Pomerol, thanks to its uniquely positioned terroir and the work of extraordinary people who have built the worldwide reputation of its wine throughout the centuries. 1999 marked the purchase of the estate by the Laborde family, but it was also the start of substantial restructuring and replanting in the vineyard, which today is nearing full production capacity. Increasingly strict selection for the Grand Vin, to carefully hone its style, has resulted in the possibility to produce a Second Wine, Fleur de Clinet. Starting with the 2016 vintage and fitted out with its brand new label, it proudly embodies the style, finesse and elegance of Clinet. The process for selecting the wines that are to be part of the Grand Vin is carried out during final blending and is based on questions of identity. While they have all enjoyed the same care and attention, skills and cultural practices, wines with greater ageing potential are selected for the Grand Vin. Fleur de Clinet will unveil its many qualities a little earlier without compromising real ageing potential.

## 2016 VINTAGE

The vines adapted surprisingly well to exceptional climatology. After one of the rainiest winters ever, excellent conditions during flowering and fruit set, followed by hydric stress, brought clear advantages. When came the harvest, the grapes were smaller than usual, however abundant and the sanitary quality was irreproachable. The marc/juice ratio turned out to be ideal, giving spontaneously lots of colour and gorgeous tannin. Right from the start the juices were promising, showing great balance and charm.2016 will remain engraved in our memories as being a year of strong emotions.

## Tasting

« A deep-coloured wine with a dark ruby hue. The nose is complex, displaying great finesse and layers of fresh red fruit, blackcurrant berries, Malabar pepper and violet. Gentle and well-balanced on the palate, it offers flavours of fresh dark fruit. The finish is intense, filled with spicy, sweet pastry notes. Elegant and refined, Fleur de Clinet 2016 is a pure expression of the exceptional clay terroir of Pomerol, and its ageold varietals.»

## Ronan Laborde



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