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Pomerol, France
Vintage: 2020

Overview

Château Hosanna, a jewel-like vineyard of just 4,5 hectares, is located in the heart of Pomerol's central plateau, adjacent to some of the most illustrious crus of the appellation: Château Lafleur to the north; Château Petrus to the east; Château La Fleur-Pétrus to the west; Vieux Château Certan to the south.

The vineyard of Château Hosanna has a long and rich history. Prior to its purchase by Ets. Jean-Pierre Moueix in 1999, Hosanna was known as Château Certan Giraud, considered one of the premier crus of Pomerol since the 1950's. It was originally part of the de May family estate, who settled on Pomerol's plateau in the 16th century and planted one of the appellation's first vineyards there.

Only the highest plateau parcels of its previous incarnation were selected to form Château Hosanna. The vineyard enjoys a terroir of red gravel and clay on "crasse de fer" which is known for producing wines of great elegance, complexity, and power. Old Cabernet Franc vines, a significant portion of which date back to 1956, contribute a unique complexity to the cru.

A marriage of intensity, purity and balance, its silky touch has led some to describe Hosanna as the feminine counterpart to Trotanoy.

Tasting Notes

Château Hosanna 2019 opens on notes of honeyed tobacco, cedar and coffee bean. On the palate, the dense tannins are already silky, the finish long and complex.

Harvest Notes

The winter of 2019-2020 was the warmest in France since the beginning of the 20th century. It followed a very wet fall that replenished soil water reserves. January and February 2020 were exceptionally warm and dry, bringing on an early budbreak (from March 22nd). Spring was warm and rainy, with precipitations that were significantly above average. Flowering took place very early, from May 12th to the 22nd. Fruit set was even and abundant, portending good yields. Green harvesting and precise grooming of the vines in the early summer allowed us to rectify the irregularities of the budbreak and even out the yields.

Summer was exceptionally hot and dry with virtually no rainfall in July. We adjusted our farming methods accordingly. The deep clay and gravel of Château Hosanna allowed the vines to draw on the water reserves accumulated over winter and thus not suffer from the drought conditions. Veraison took place from July 14th to 29th. Welcome rain in mid-August ensured the grapes were able to reach full maturity. From the end of August, cool nights allowed the accumulation of sugar and anthocyanines in the berries to resume while preventing the deterioration of acids. The weather in September allowed for a serene harvest from the 17th to the 20th.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 75% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc

Acres: 11.1 acres

Soil Composition: Blue clay on red gravel on iron-rich subsoil

Average Vine Age: 40 years

Aging: 16-18 months in French oak barrels (50% new)