

## Château Chantalouette - Pomerol

Château Chantalouette is the second wine of Château de Sales. Owned by the same family for over five centuries, the 116 acre estate is the largest in the appellation and boasts the only true castle of Pomerol.

Certified of «High Environmental Value» (HVE) since 2020, Château Chantalouette practices virtuous viticulture that integrates and develops biodiversity. The viticultural approach is traditional: the vineyard is ploughed regularly and cultivated with respect for the environment; cover cropping and green harvest are practised with great care. The grapes are harvested by hand at optimal maturity of each bloc.



## 2015 CHÂTEAU CHANTALOUETTE

### 2nd wine of Château de Sales



<b>Appellation:</b>	Pomerol	<b>Owner:</b>	GFA Château de Sales
<b>President:</b>	Marine Treppoz	<b>GM:</b>	Vincent Montigaud
<b>Winemaker:</b>	Frédéric Laborde	<b>Vineyard size:</b>	116 acres
<b>Average vine age:</b>	25 years	<b>Soil Types:</b>	Small gravel and iron-rich loess
<b>Vineyard grape varieties:</b>	70% Merlot - 15% Cabernet Franc - 15% Cabernet Sauvignon		
<b>Viticulture:</b>	Certified «HVE» «Culture raisonnée» Soil tilling (4 ways). Vine growth management adapted to the climatic conditions		
<b>Harvest:</b>	Manual	<b>Winemaking:</b>	In thermo-regulated concrete vats
		<b>Ageing:</b>	Partly in barrel
<b>HARVEST DATES:</b>	From 18 September to 3 October		



#### 2015 VARIETAL MIX:

- 57 % Merlot
- 23 % Cabernet Franc
- 20 % Cabernet Sauvignon

#### VINTAGE REPORT:

Flowering took place evenly from the end of May to mid-June in warm and dry weather. July was very hot and dry, but rain at the end of the month relieved some cases of water stress. Veraison took place at the beginning of August, with the weather alternating between hot days and cool nights. A few days of rain spread out over the month allowed the grapes to ripen fully. Cooler temperatures in September encouraged optimum maturity.

**MATURING:** 1/3 in oak barrels 2/3 in vats

**TASTING NOTES:** An attractive bright red, the wine has an intense nose on black fruit aromas, a sign of good maturity. The supple attack leads into a mid-palate on black fruit flavours together with hints of roasted coffee beans, while the finish is long and elegant. Altogether, this is a well-balanced, succulent and smooth wine.

### DECANTER - 89 POINTS

*As ever, a reliable and attractive Pomerol from the Moueix stable. Firm but juicy black fruits emphasise the Cabernet Franc, so it's not as opulent as some in this vintage.*

*Fresh but still fully ripe, a good medium-term drinker.*

*Closure: Natural Cork, Alcohol: 14.00%, Body: Full, Oak: Oaked*

