

CHÂTEAU LA CONSEILLANTE 2025

FINAL BLEND: Merlot 87%, Cabernet Franc 10%
Cabernet Sauvignon 3%

HARVEST DATES: 28th August to 17th September 2025

YIELD: 30hl/ha

VINIFICATION: In concrete vats

AGEING: 70% in new oak barrels



2025 harvest recap (18.09.25):

2025 was the earliest-ever harvest at the estate, beating the previous record in 2003. The whole vineyard was growing evenly ahead of normal schedule. Though the conditions were ideal throughout the summer, the 20mm of rain that fell in August were welcome and accelerated the final ripening phase. There was no hesitation in launching the harvest, since by waiting longer, acidities would have begun to drop and the classic fresh character of La Conseillante might have been lost. Moderate alcoholic degrees of 13 to 13.5 were accompanied by an average pH of 3.60 and a high level of anthocyanins. The profile of the vintage was aromatic, delicate and balanced and bore similarities to the 2022 vintage. Initial estimates of the crop size were around 25 to 30 hl/ha, but these were later revised to 23 to 27hl/ha.

Read the interview below for an update on the 2025 vintage:

Pomerol, April 2nd 2026

AB **By launching La Conseillante's earliest-ever harvest at the end of August, you ensured that the profile of your 2025 would display the estate's classic freshness and approachability...**

Marielle Cazaux **As well as many other characteristics, yes.**

AB **Some of those characteristics reminded you back then of the 2022 vintage. Is that the case today?**

Marielle Cazaux **I'd say that our 2025 displays many of the characteristics of a "solar" vintage.**

AB **Except perhaps the alcoholic degree? You were predicting 13 to 13.5.**

Marielle Cazaux **The final overall degree was 13.5, which is a moderate level, yes.**

AB **What are the solar aspects of your 2025?**

Marielle Cazaux **It was packed with polyphenols, and so you have this lovely density in the wine. It's beautifully creamy and has very good length on the palate.**

AB **In October, you mentioned a balanced, delicate side. Is that still there?**

Marielle Cazaux **Yes, because of the moderate alcohol. That hallmark La Conseillante elegance and aromatic freshness is there, but there's also this dense and creamy entry on the palate.**

AB **Is that what makes your 2025 different from your 2022?**

Marielle Cazaux **I think so. The balances are a bit different. The 2025 is more approachable and I believe it's superior to 2022. As far as comparisons go however, 2022 would appear to be the closest in profile to our 2025.**

AB **Quite a large proportion of Cabernet has gone into the blend this year. Was that expected?**

Marielle Cazaux **I was delighted with the Cabernet Franc in 2025, so much so that all of it went into the First Wine. In the ten years I've been at La Conseillante, I've never been so happy that variety.**

AB **What impressed you about it?**

Marielle Cazaux **Its smoothness, freshness and brightness. It's made a great contribution to the blend.**

AB **And you even have 3% Cabernet Sauvignon in the First Wine this year...**

Marielle Cazaux **Yes, we're very pleased with that too. It comes from a plot that's still young, and for the moment it's only making an aromatic contribution; Sichuan pepper comes through in particular. In the future, in ten years' time say, it will offer more, such as density on the palate.**

AB **During the vinification, you worried that the yield would be less than your initial projection of 25 to 30hl/ha. What was the final result?**

Marielle Cazaux **I was delighted to end up with 30hl/ha. It was a nice surprise!**

AB **How do you account for that higher than expected yield?**

Marielle Cazaux **I'm sure it has something to do with the way we manage our soils. At the peak of the heatwave in August, our soils looked more resilient. The use of green compost may well be the explanation.**

AB **Could you finish with a word on Michel Rolland, who sadly died recently? You've occasionally referred to him in our interviews, since he's a friend and advisor of La Conseillante. How will you remember him?**

Marielle Cazaux **In many many ways. As a technician, he taught me how to keep cool and not make any rash decisions as the harvest approached. If there was a little outbreak of botrytis, for example, he encouraged me to be patient and not get into a panic. He was incredibly practical as well as very attentive to everyone. He was at the same time a great expert and someone who really loved people. He loved passing on his expertise, too.**

AB **He was particularly admired for his ability as a blender, wasn't he?**

Marielle Cazaux **In that respect, he was a genius. He had great vision in terms of the vintage and the blending of it.**

AB **And yet he wasn't everybody's cup of tea...**

Marielle Cazaux **He had many detractors, but when he advised at La Conseillante, it was always to make a true La Conseillante, not a so-called Michel Rolland wine. He was very intelligent and knew how to adapt according to what each estate wanted. Personally, I'm going to miss him very much.**