

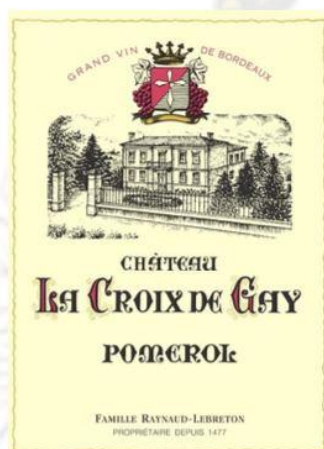
## 2021 vintage

**“2021 will be remembered as a particularly challenging vintage for winegrowers, whose hard work and efforts were fortunately rewarded by a providential Indian summer.”**

Geny, L. Marchal, A. (2022). The 2021 vintage in Bordeaux. Bordeauxraisins.fr

# CHATEAU LA CROIX DE GAY

Pomerol since 1477



Color of the wine: Red  
Appellation: Pomerol

Owner: Famille Raynaud-Lebreton  
Manager: Chantal Raynaud-Lebreton  
Consultant: Axel Marchal

### VINEYARD

Surface: 4,2 ha (10,4 acres)

Pomerol soil types:

- Gravels (Günz era) on clay
- Gravels (Mindel era) on clay

### HARVEST, VINIFICATION AND AGEING

Harvest: 100% by hand

Harvest dates:

- 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of September for merlots
- 1<sup>st</sup> of October for cabernets francs

Vatting: 34 to 35 days

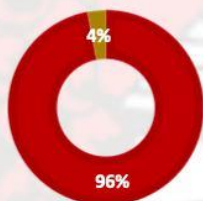
Malo in barrels: Partially

Ageing in barrels : 100%

- 40% french new oak barrels
- 60% one year old oak barrels

Technical balance: 13,52%vol / pH 3,57

Merlot 96%  
Cabernet Franc 4%



*Production : 23000 bottles*

### Comments :

2021 harvest was perfectly ripe and aromatic. The very moderate extractions allowed us to obtain a fresh, very fruity wine with a complete and harmonious structure and a good balance.

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## Comments about the 2021 growing season : 812 - Ω - 1878

The contrast of a vintage probably marked by global warming but aromatically fresh.

The growing season for the 2021 vintage was marked by a slightly later bud burst than in 2020 but once again early. The vineyard buds in late March. Worldwide, in Japan, cherry trees bloomed from March 26<sup>th</sup>, the earliest date since... the year 812.

However, the current-Jet stream is irregular and the meteorological contrasts (temporal and geographical), resulting from a succession of cut-off lows (Ω), will characterize the growing season from April to July:

- **The frosts of April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** in the morning threaten the vineyard, the damage is significant in places, but the **protection by heaters has been effective** on our vineyard.

- The sum of the base 10 temperatures goes from the earliest year of the decade on April 1 to a level discreetly below the ten-year average on April 15, to again exceed this average after 15 scorching days in early June.

An unusually eastern location of the Azores anticyclone (Anticyclone baptized Lucifer (heat wave and drought in Spain and Italy)) therefore allows these phenomena of cold drops to pass over France:

- End of June is characterized by a major rainy episode from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> but it is especially the East of France, Germany and the Benelux which suffer from very significant human and material damage.

- For July, the temperature is within the ten-year average but the number of days above 25°C is short.

- From mid-July to mid-August, **mildew pressure is exceptionally strong**. The **prophylactic fight is relentless** (eclaircissages, regularization of veraison).

- The end of summer is more stable, after a brief rise over France of the anticyclone Lucifer, it is replaced by a more powerful anticyclone located over the North Atlantic.

The month of September is that of an Atlantic climate alternating beautiful periods of high pressure and low pressure.

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**The 2021 vintage is a good to very good vintage with very good concentration and classic balance.**