



# French Grand Prix

CIRCUIT PAUL RICARD



## Race

### CARLOS SAINZ

Pos	Time	Gap	Laps	Fastest	Lap
11	1.29'05"107	1'39"337	53	1'38"931	on lap 19
	---	Tyres at start	---	Medium	---
1st stop	---	Lap 17	---	Hard	---

### CHARLES LECLERC

Pos	Time	Gap	Laps	Fastest	Lap
16	1.27'46"644	1 lap	52	1'37"681	on lap 43

	---	Tyres at start	---	Medium	---
1st stop	---	Lap 14	---	Hard	---
2nd stop	---	Lap 38	---	Medium	---

*Weather: cloudy, dry, windy. Temperatures: air 25°, track 36°*

## A bad setback

Le Castellet, 20 June 2021 – The race in France proved to be very difficult for Scuderia Ferrari. For the first time this season, neither driver made it into the points, with both the SF21s affected badly by tyre degradation.

**Struggling after a few laps.** After the start, Carlos' and Charles' race pace seemed reasonable, but after a dozen or so laps, the tyres on the SF21 began to suffer with degradation, particularly on the front left. The same happened on the second stint which both drivers tackled on the Hard tyre, with it working for a few laps before the race pace gradually slowed. It meant that Carlos and Charles were easy prey for those behind. Even splitting the strategies did not work, with Charles making a second stop to take on another set of Mediums, while Carlos ran to the chequered flag without a further pit stop.

**A tough lesson.** The immediate priority for the team is to analyse all the data from this weekend to prepare as well as possible for the double-header at the Spielberg circuit, that starts with the Styrian Grand Prix on 27 June, followed by the Austrian one on 4 July.



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*It is clear that today we didn't perform well and that we lacked pace. Since the very beginning we really struggled with degradation and we carried that issue through the entire race, regardless of the compound.*

*Despite my best efforts, it was impossible to hold our initial position. We must analyse what happened, understand the issue and try to address it. If there is a team capable of doing that,*

*it's this one. A double header in Austria awaits and I'm sure we will bounce back.*

**Carlos Sainz #55**



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*It was a very difficult race today. Both Carlos and I struggled on the two compounds we ran. Towards the end, we made another stop for a fresh set of Mediums on my side, to see whether there was something we could do better. But it was the same as on the first stint: okay for three to four laps followed by heavy degradation. It is a big weakness and the main thing that we have to focus on now is understanding and improving for the future.*

**Charles Leclerc #16**

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*A very difficult Sunday, which sees us go home empty-handed. Tyre performance severely affected our race today. It's hard to accept, but we will learn from it, determined to move forward. Living through the experience of a race like this, can make you a stronger team.*

**Mattia Binotto**  
**Team Principal**

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