

Las Cases

1989

TERROIR

Le Grand Enclos de Las Cases renferme un terroir d'une très grande complexité. Issu majoritairement de graves du Quaternaire sur sous-sol gravelo-sableux et gravelo-argileux, on rencontre également des argiles plus ou moins profondes et compactes, parfois même affleurantes. La proximité de la Gironde est responsable de cette grande diversité de sols, créée au fil des périodes géologiques par superpositions successives. De plus, le fleuve génère un microclimat bien spécifique qui permet une maturité très précoce des raisins et protège le vignoble du gel. Ce camaïeu de combinaisons géologiques influe sur le développement de la vigne et sur la constitution des raisins. Ce terroir incomparable offre au grand vin sa personnalité unique.

MILLÉSIME 1989

La floraison se déroula précocement suite à un mois de mai particulièrement chaud. L'été fut particulièrement ensoleillé et suivi d'un très beau mois de septembre qui permit de récolter chaque cépage à sa maturité optimale.

INFORMATIONS TECHNIQUES

Assemblage : Cabernet Sauvignon 60% Merlot 25% Cabernet Franc 12% Petit Verdot 3%

Date de vendange : Du 5 au 25 septembre 1989

Degré : 13,30 %vol. / Acidité Totale : 3,72 gH₂SO₄/l



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NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION



98/100

DECANTER / JANE ANSON

1989 was an early year, with flowering three weeks ahead of usual. Now at 30 years old, a floral aspect curls out of the glass, with touches of roses and peonies, followed on the palate by bilberries and blackberries, with a cigar smoke and eucalyptus finish. It's still vigorous in its tannic structure, but it's soft and supple enough to enjoy today. This bottle was recorked by hand at the winery last year, with five people checking every single one of the 5,000 bottles remaining at the chateau. The wines were topped up from magnums of the 1989. 3% Petit Verdot completes the blend - a variety not used in the grand vin since 1996. (November 2018)

95/100

JEANNIE CHO LEE

A gorgeously mature Las Cases that is as good as a first growth in a vintage like 1989. Deep, powerful, generous and at the same time filled with finesse and velvety tannins. Cedar, aged cigars and dried blackcurrants fill the palate and linger long after the wine has been swallowed. Perfect to drink now but will keep easily for another decade. (March 2017)

17,5/20

JANCIS ROBINSON / JULIA HARDING

Brick red. Lots of mushroom and leaf mulch on the nose and palate and still a lovely fruit sweetness even if the primary fruit has gone. Extremely fine grip to the tannins, still has perfect balance and lots of youthful energy even with the mature flavours. (June 2019)

90/100

VINOUS / NEAL MARTIN

July 2011

91/100

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE

December 2016



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WINE SPECTATOR

Very ripe, with raisin and dried fruits on the nose. You can smell the sun-dried grapes. Full-bodied, delivering firm tannins and a very fresh palate. Long and flavorful, offering currant, berries and all sorts of dark fruits, but turns lightly earthy and floral. This is a thoroughly complex wine. Just starting to really open into the mature 20-year-old wine it is, but such a great life ahead of it. Muscular.

95/100

JEAN-MARC QUARIN

Avril 2013

90/100

WINE ADVOCATE / ROBERT PARKER

Dark ruby (a far less saturated color than the 1990, for example), this wine offers up a somewhat internationally styled nose of new oak and ripe black currant fruit, with a hint of mineral and graphite. This wine will continue to improve for at least another 15 or more years, and while it is an outstanding wine, it is hardly a profound example of Léoville Las Cases. (January 2003)

16/20

REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE

Avril 2003

DENIS HERVIER

Tannin d'une grande noblesse, il y a de la suavité avec une belle profondeur et une fin mentholée et veloutée.



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