

Las Cases

1995

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 1995

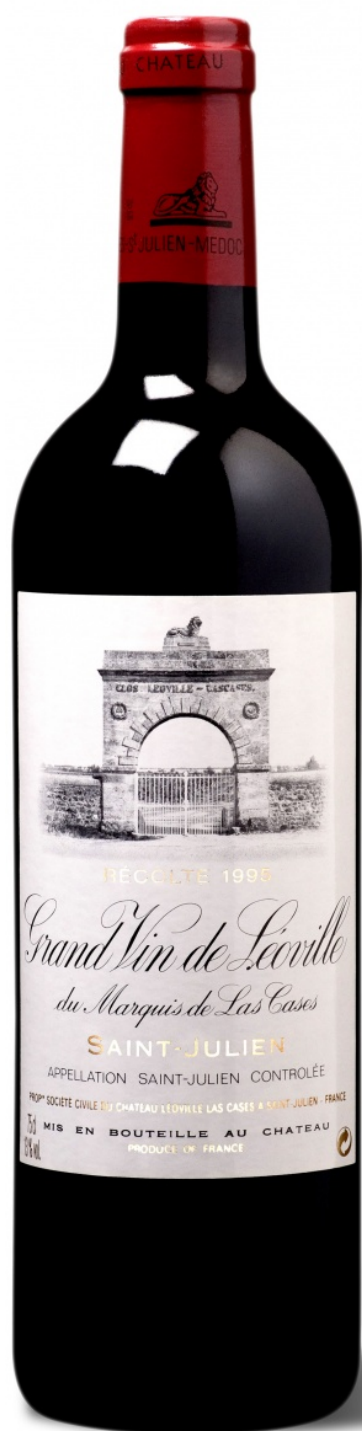
L'été 1995 connut des températures élevées et une sécheresse marquée favorable à l'obtention de raisins d'une parfaite maturité. Les conditions furent également idéales pendant les vendanges et permirent de maintenir un très bon état sanitaire jusqu'à la fin de la récolte.

INFORMATIONS TECHNIQUES

Assemblage : Cabernet Sauvignon 67% Merlot 26% Cabernet Franc 7%

Date de vendange : Du 19 septembre au 3 octobre 1995

Degré : 12,95 %vol. / Acidité Totale : 3,48 gH₂SO₄/l



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NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION



93/100

DECANTER / JANE ANSON

A dry, although not excessively hot, summer meant there were some blockages in the vines, and there are clear exotic notes through the palate, with the wine showing cinnamon, saffron and dried fruit. This is one of the sweet spots of Las Cases, as it hits the balance between power, tannin, black tea and bilberries, still showcasing the Pauillac side of St-Julien with a freshness and sappiness even at 26 years old. A brilliant example of how well this estate can age - and also how a touch of exoticism can soften its famous austerity. A real tickling of spice on the finish, a little dry as all older Bordeaux can be, but it is full of hidden pleasures if you just let it uncurl in the glass. Jean-Hubert Delon was here alongside his father at the time, taking over alone from 1996. Drinking Window 2021-2036. (February 2021)

97/100

JAMES SUCKLING

I love the aromas here with forest flowers, wild mushrooms and tobacco, as well as currants. Full and very layered with creamy tannins that caress your palate. So long and enticing. Such a gorgeous Bordeaux that is just starting to show its real self. Love it. Drink or hold. (January 2021)

94/100

JEB DUNNUCK

Showing beautifully today, the 1995 Château Léoville Las Cases is a blend of 67% Cabernet, 26% Merlot, and 7% Cabernet Franc (a normal blend for that period) and hit 12.95% alcohol. Coming from a vintage featuring a cool, rainy spring followed by a sunny, mild growing season, it has a more upfront, fruit-driven style that still offers lots of classic Las Cases minerality in its red and black currant fruits as well as notes of cedary herbs, graphite, wood smoke, and forest floor nuances. With medium to full-bodied richness, a round, supple, mouth-filling texture, velvety, almost resolved tannins, and a beautiful finish, it's ideal for enjoying any time over the coming two decades. I don't think it has the same elegance and weightlessness as the 1982 nor the precision of the 1996 (which this wine is often compared to), but it's a gorgeous wine in every sense. (March 2021)



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WINE ADVOCATE / LISA PERROTTI BROWN

(...). Medium garnet colored with a touch of brick, it needs a fair bit of swirling to unlock the intense notes of baked plums, dried mulberries and boysenberry preserves with hints of black truffles, Chinese five spice, unsmoked cigars and dusty soil, plus wafts of beef drippings and cast-iron pan. The medium to full-bodied palate delivers good weight and generous fruit, supported by plush tannins and seamless freshness, finishing with loads of earth, sautéed herbs and mineral-inspired flavors. (March 2021)

96/100

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE

A clear winner in this mixed vintage, the wine is concentrated, deep and fresh, with a ripe, blackberry essence. Full bodied and long, the wine is young, yet, with the ripeness in the tannins and the fruit, it's already enjoyable in your glass. In time, another 10 years or so, this will be even better! (July 2015)

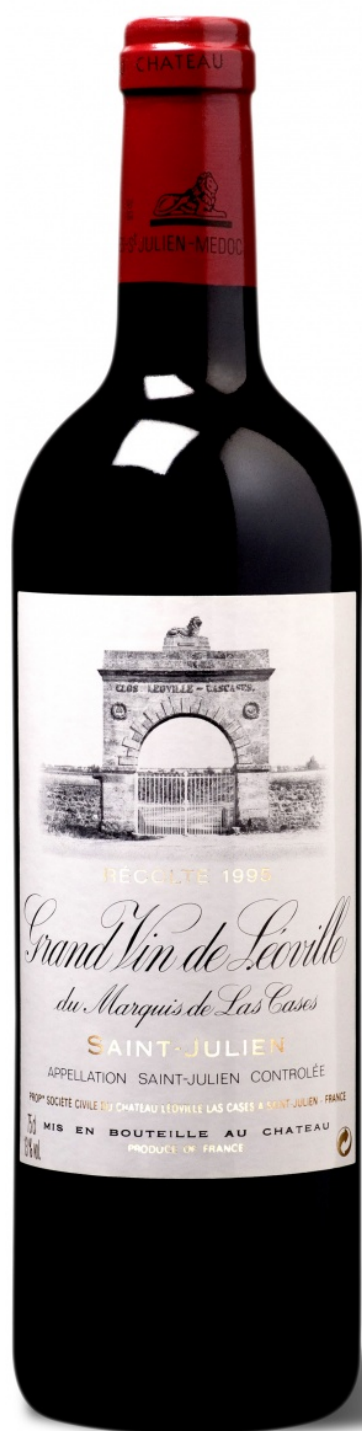
ROBERT PARKER

If it were not for the prodigious 1996, everyone would be concentrating on getting their hands on a few bottles of the fabulous 1995 Léoville-Las-Cases, which is one of the vintage's great success stories. The wine boasts an opaque ruby/purple color, and exceptionally pure, beautifully knit aromas of black fruits, minerals, vanillin, and spice. On the attack, it is staggeringly rich, yet displays more noticeable tannin than its younger sibling. Exceptionally ripe cassis fruit, the judicious use of toasty new oak, and a thrilling mineral character intertwined with the high quality of fruit routinely obtained by Las Cases, make this a compelling effort. There is probably nearly as much tannin as in the 1996, but it is not as perfectly sweet as in the 1996. The finish is incredibly long in this classic. Only 35% of the harvest was of sufficient quality for the 1995 Léoville-Las-Cases. Anticipated maturity: 2005-2025.

WINE SPECTATOR

Pure violets, minerals and blackberries on the nose. Full-bodied, chewy and powerful. Still holding back a lot. This wine needs to break its chains. Give it time.--'95/'96 Bordeaux retrospective. Best after 2010

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REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE

Guide Vert 2006

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VINUM

February 1998

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WEIN GABRIEL / RENE GABRIEL

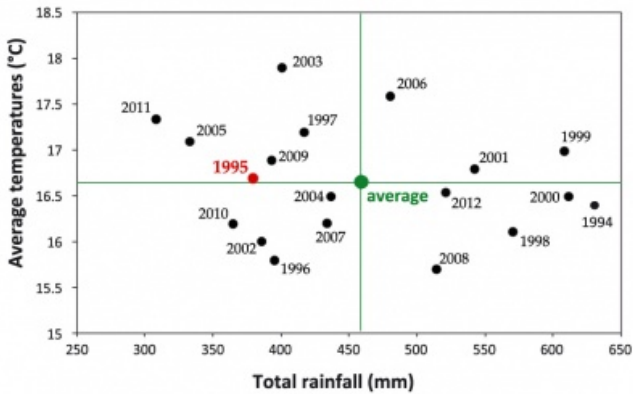


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Comparatif des températures et précipitations sur la période végétative : du 1er mars au 31 octobre



Pluviométrie et températures en 1995

