

Las Cases

2003

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 2003

Le début du cycle fut marqué par des mois de mars et avril exceptionnellement chauds et secs. Le mois de juin fut pluvieux durant la floraison puis l'été fut marqué par des conditions caniculaires avec des températures dépassant parfois les 40°C. Les pluies de début septembre furent alors très bénéfiques pour l'achèvement de la maturation car les contraintes hydriques commençaient à devenir très sévères.

INFORMATIONS TECHNIQUES

Assemblage : Cabernet Sauvignon 70% Merlot 17% Cabernet Franc 13%

Date de vendange : Du 11 au 26 septembre 2003

Degré : 13,15 %vol. - Acidité Totale : 3,90 gH₂SO₄/l - pH : 3,62 - IPT : 75



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NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION



96/100

JEB DUNNUCK

The 2003 Château Léoville Las Cases comes from what is still the hottest vintage on record for Bordeaux. (Others that are close are 2006, 2011, 2018, and 2019.) (...) Its deep ruby/plum color is followed by a terrific, almost Pauillac-like bouquet of ripe blackcurrants, freshly sharpened pencils, chocolate, violets, and a touch of chalky minerality. It builds beautifully with time in the glass and is full-bodied on the palate, offering ripe tannins, a round, expansive mouthfeel, plenty of mid-palate depth, and a great finish. Hats off to the team at Las Cases for such a gorgeous wine from a challenging vintage! (March 2021)

96/100

DECANTER / JANE ANSON

A record temperature of 48 degrees was recorded at the estate's weather station during the baking summer of 2003. There were more than 50 days of record heat, not even dropping below 30 degrees during the night. The pH climbed up to 3.62, compared to its usual 3.5 but as you might expect, even this hasn't entirely tamed the bite of Léoville. But it works - there isn't a trace of the heat you feel in many 2003 wines from Bordeaux. It's still full of life and tasting absolutely delicious right now. If you have reservations about Léoville's ability to welcome you in, this is the vintage to try. Pencil lead and slate give the character of the soils, while liquorice, black cherry, blueberry and bitter dark chocolate add gourmet notes that you rarely see in a 15-year-old Léoville. An excellent wine, not with the staying power of some years but still head and shoulders above most 2003s. (November 2018)

96/100

WINE SPECTATOR / JAMES MOLESWORTH

There's a lovely backdrop of charcoal and paving stone notes here, offset by juicy black currant, fig, melted licorice and ganache flavors. Sweet tobacco hints course through the finish, where the cold charcoal steadily turns to lit embers. Impressively maintains some austerity in this vintage. Best from 2020 through 2040. (February 2018)

93/100



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THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE

This is really quite nice, even charming. With 30 minutes of air, blackberry, cassis, smoke, flowers and thyme were easy to find. The wine has softened, taking on a refined quality, with an easy to like, medium/full-bodied, dark red berry and earthy finish. There is no touch of heat or jam here. The effect here is the early maturing quality and soft tannins. This is one of the best values for LLC in the marketplace today. (February 2020)

WINE ADVOCATE / ROBERT PARKER

An incredibly fresh, lively 2003 (the pH is only 3.6 and the alcohol is 13.1%), this wine offers a dense ruby/purple color along with full body and a remarkable nose of black currants, kirsch, lead pencil shavings and vanilla. Opulent, full-bodied and close to full maturity, it is a seamless classic that will age for 15-20 more years. Kudos to the Delon family for such a brilliant achievement in a tricky vintage.

96/100

FALSTAFF / PETER MOSER

Dunkles Rubingranat, violette Reflexe, breiterer Wasserrand. Reifes Weichsel-Kirsch-Konfit, ein Hauch von Schlehen, feine Holzwürze. Saftig, extraktsüß und elegant, schöne Komplexität, sehr rund und harmonisch, reife Herzkirschen im Abgang, bleibt lange haften, ein delikater Nachhall, bereits gut antrinkbar. (March 2015)

REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE

Cet immense coureur de fond affiche encore une grande jeunesse. Il s'ouvre doucement à l'air, présente un corps plein, un fruité expressif et de superbes tannins. Un très beau vin.

94/100

WINE ENTHUSIAST / ROGER VOSS

This is massive, hugely concentrated, topped with wood and intense tannins. Flavors of bitter chocolate are dominant, heavy fruits, blackberries and texture that fills the mouth with dark, dense flavors. Big in all senses. (July 2009)

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JEAN-MARC QUARIN

Mai 2007

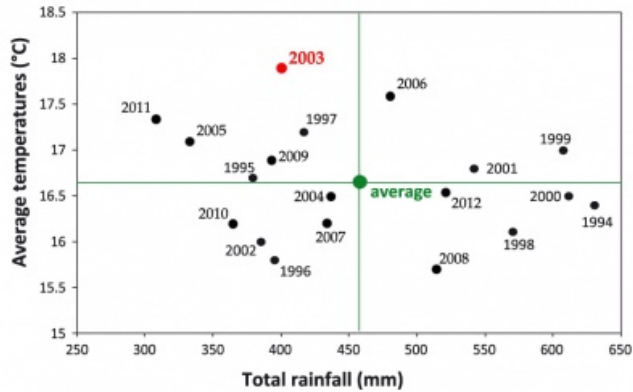


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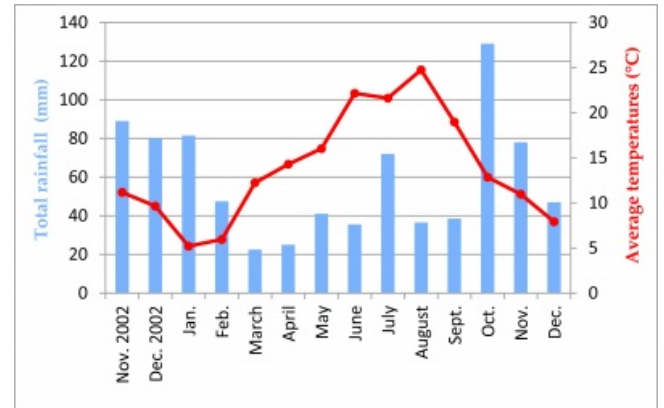
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