

Las Cases

2004

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 2004

Après à un mois de mai relativement chaud et pluvieux, la floraison se déroula sous de bonnes conditions. L'été fut plutôt frais, avec quelques précipitations en août, puis le mois de septembre fut ensoleillé et connut des températures relativement élevées. Les nuits restèrent cependant fraîches, ce qui permit de conserver des raisins parfaitement équilibrés et possédant une belle fraîcheur.

INFORMATIONS TECHNIQUES

Assemblage : Cabernet Sauvignon 76% Merlot 13% Cabernet Franc 11%

Date de vendange : Du 4 au 17 octobre 2004

Degré : 12,86 %vol. - Acidité Totale : 3,47 gH₂SO₄/l - pH : 3,66 - IPT : 68



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NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION



94/100

JAMES SUCKLING

This is so beautiful now with ceps, mushrooms, bark and blackberries, as well as some flowers and black olives. It's full-bodied, round and soft. Lovely now. Drink and enjoy now, or hold. (January 2021)

93/100

JEB DUNNUCK

Showing beautifully, with a classic elegance and beautiful complexity, the 2004 Saint-Julien reveals a healthy ruby hue as well as textbook currants, lead pencil shavings, dried tobacco, and dried flower-like aromas and flavors. It shows the more streamlined, elegant style of the vintage yet has plenty of sweet fruit, beautiful overall balance, and a great finish. It's drinking at point today yet should continue evolving and drinking nicely for 15-20 years or so. (December 2020)

93/100

VINOUS / NEAL MARTIN

The 2004 Léoville Las Cases has the tough job of following the 2005. It offers black fruit mixed with sous-bois, smoke and sage aromas, now moving into its secondary stage but without the intensity of great vintages like 2005 or 2010. The palate is well balanced, with off-dry tannin. Classic in style, fresh and poised, leading to a lovely, quite sensual finish that leaves you wishing for another sip. Very fine. (December 2019)

95/100

DECANTER / JANE ANSON

A cooler year than 2003 or 2005, and the precision is clear, with layers of tight black fruits, cedar and fresh mint confidently on display. It's pretty austere right now, but its weight and texture is far more impressive than its youth. In vintages like this, it's clear that the terroir always takes precedence here. There is 90% new oak here, and yet you barely get a whisper of it besides the soft, cold ash smoke on the finish. (November 2018)

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THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE

Still showing nice depth of color, with wet earth, ocean, truffle, blackberry and campfire embers are found with only a little effort. The tannins have softened, leaving you with a classically styled, mouthful of black cherry liqueur and fennel that shifts from black fruit to red fruit and back to black again. Drink now, or age it 5-8 years for more softness and complexity. Due to the vintage, this is probably well priced in the marketplace today. (January 2015)

18/20

THE WINE DOCTOR / CHRIS KISSACK

Plenty of still primary fruit on the nose here, rich and harmonious substance, slightly roasted even, and with a slightly sweet toffee-tinged element to it here as well. The palate has great depth and character, with a full texture, very polished and substantial. Great primary potential here, with lots of brooding texture. Great ripe tannic structure, fresh acidity, an elegant but still substantial, well-muscled wine, firm and very impressive. Excellent. (...). (March 2014)

BETTANE & DESSEAUME

Grande robe, cèdre, richesse évidente de texture, tannin complexe épicé et tabassé, grande race. Un des sommets du millésime.

WINE SPECTATOR

Intense aromas of currant, blackberry and light vanilla. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, caressing finish. Layered, with everything in the right proportion for the vintage. Excellent. Reminds me of the 1996. Best after 2012.

95/100

WINE ENTHUSIAST / ROGER VOSS

This "super second" lives up to its billing. It is rich and concentrated with dark tannins that lie over the ripe, jammy fruit and black, rich chocolate flavors. Acidity and wood are there, but only just hints after the richness of the fruit. A real, magnificent aging wine. (January 2007)

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WEIN GABRIEL / RENE GABRIEL

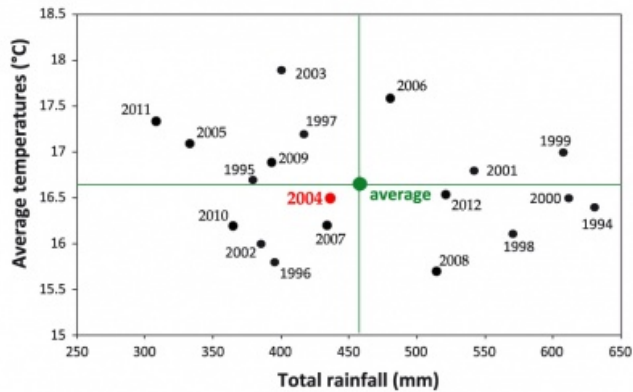


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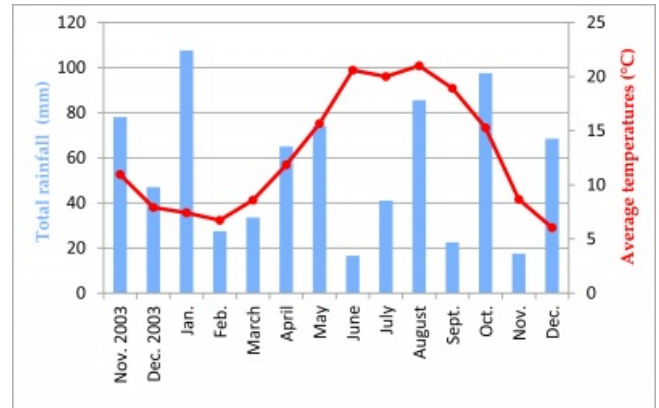
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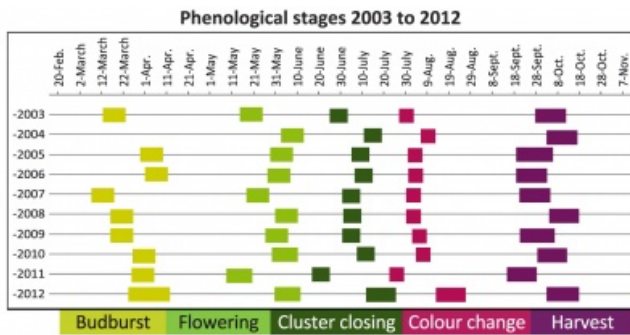
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