

# Las Cases

2009

## TERROIR

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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 2009

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La floraison et la nouaison se déroulèrent sous les meilleurs auspices grâce à de belles conditions climatiques sans excès de chaleur. La véraison fut ensuite rapide et homogène grâce à une période fin juillet - début août très ensoleillée. Il y eut très peu de précipitations durant la phase de maturation du raisin avec un mois d'août très sec mais non caniculaire qui engendra une récolte assez précoce et d'une remarquable homogénéité.

## INFORMATIONS TECHNIQUES

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Assemblage : Cabernet Sauvignon 76% Merlot 15% Cabernet Franc 9%

Date de vendange : Du 22 septembre au 7 octobre 2009

Degré : 13,80 %vol. - Acidité Totale : 3,58 gH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/l - pH : 3,62 - IPT : 74



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## NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION

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JEB DUNNUCK

Still a baby, the 2009 Château Leoville Las Cases is largely in the mold of the 1990 and 1982, offering a sexy opulence while staying in the classic, structured style of the estate. (\*) Its still ruby/purple hue is followed by a sensational array of blackcurrants, cedar pencil, green tobacco, exotic spices, and incense. With incredible purity, ultra-fine tannins, full-bodied richness, and that rare mix of power and elegance, this magical Saint-Julien is just now starting to reveal some secondary nuances and won't hit full maturity for another decade. It should see its 75th birthday in fine form. (November 2020)

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FALSTAFF / PETER MOSER

Tiefdunkles Rubingranat, violette Reflexe. In der Nase feinwürzig unterlegtes dunkles Waldbeerkonfit, ein Hauch von Cassis und Lakritze, feiner Balsam, Nuancen von Dörrobst, zart nach Orangenzesten. Kraftvoll, intensiver Nougat, unterlegt mit reifer Kirschenfrucht, perfekt eingebundene Tannine, zeigt bereits jetzt eine sichere Länge, schokoladiger Abgang, großes Entwicklungspotenzial und Klasse. (March 2020)

98/100

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE

If you like great Cuban Cigars, the nose here has your name on it. From there, add forest floor, leaf, red fruits, spice, flowers and a waft of smoke. Full-bodied, powerful, graceful and concentrated, this is a perfect example of classic Bordeaux at its best. The wine is firm, focused, fresh, pure and mouth-filling, Light on its feet, especially when you consider the level of density found here, the fruit is what stands out the most, for its vibrancy, purity and length. If you need to see what this is about now, give it 2-3 hours of air. If you can wait, this will rock your glass in another decade or so! (September 2019)

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BETTANE & DESSEAUVÉ

Même sentiment de puissance que l'an dernier, vin impressionnant de



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majesté et de tension de texture, mais sans lourdeur. Un grand classique, incontestablement.

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JAMES SUCKLING

Let yourself go and sink into this deep dark chasm that will swallow you whole if you let it. Enormous concentration, but every bit as much finesse, the finish extremely long and fine. And this is just beginning to give its best! Drink or hold. (Horizontal Tasting, London, 2019)

99/100

WINE ADVOCATE / LISA PERROTTI BROWN

Medium to deep garnet colored, the 2009 Léoville Las Cases rocks up with a drop-dead gorgeous nose of baked blackberries, warm plums and crème de cassis with suggestions of violets, rose hip tea, dark chocolate, menthol and sandalwood. Full-bodied, rich, concentrated and decadent in the mouth, it has super ripe, fine-grained tannins and seamless freshness, finishing very long and exotic. (March 2019)

97/100

VINOUS / NEAL MARTIN

The 2009 Léoville Las-Cases simply delivers on the nose with intense blackberry, wild hedgerow, graphite and crushed stone aromas on the nose. You would put this down as a Pauillac if served blind, unsurprising given that it borders that appellation. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin, silky smooth in texture with immense depth. It is blessed with quite brilliant delineation and the precision on the finish is magnificent. Chapeau Monsieur Delon. (...). (March 2019)

97/100

DECANTER / JANE ANSON

Being Léoville-Las Cases, it is, as you would expect, still pretty determined to play its cards close to its chest. And yet the exuberance and generosity of 2009 is beginning to peep though. For those of us who lack patience, these kind of years are just brilliant for checking out what Las Cases is all about: brooding tannins are just starting to stir, controlling a tight-knit cassis, cigar box, pencil lead and liquorice body. You feel the skill in the unpeeling of the tannins, opening to reveal the perky fresh core, and you can see just why this is such a great estate. (February 2019)



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JANCIS ROBINSON

Bright dark crimson. Fresh and graphite. Chewy and fresh and racy. Really nicely put together and pure. (February 2019)

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REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE

Voici un Las Cases de profil très ample et riche, mais qui ne bascule pas dans la lourdeur. Il n'est pas encore en place et sa masse tannique, très civilisée, le promet à un grand avenir. La qualité du fruit est impressionnante. (Décembre 2018)

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WINE SPECTATOR

This is gorgeously layered with cassis bush, anise, roasted fig and plum reduction notes all framed by racy espresso and graphite. Very deep and very long, with terrific intensity on the finish thanks to razor cut from the seemingly endless iron spine. With its purity and precision, this mineral-driven Cabernet should cruise for two decades.

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JEAN-MARC QUARIN

(...). Couleur très sombre, brillante et jeune. Nez intense, fin, subtil, puissant, profond, noble et complexe. Ultra minutieux à l'attaque, juteux, puis fondant en milieu de bouche, avec beaucoup d'éclat dans le goût (et c'est ce qui le distingue), le vin caresse et s'achève long, complexe et noble. C'est superbe et impossible à cracher. (Juin 2017)

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THE WINE DOCTOR / CHRIS KISSACK

This is blessed with dark, concentrated, expressive, aromatics. There is no let up in the mouth, the palate showing beautiful composition, skilfully polished layers of fruit, all dark and savoury, more nuances of black bean and spices, with a huge tannic grip within. This is a common feature of Léoville-Poyferré nowadays, but in a vintage like this the fruit can cope with it. An excellent style here, very big structure within, full of acid and substance. A brilliant wine. (...). (November 2013)



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WINE ENTHUSIAST / ROGER VOSS

A beautifully structured wine, with its tannins layered between the ripest black plums, damsons and black currants. It is opulent while remaining dense, concentrated and very serious. Certainly a wine for long-term aging. (January 2012)

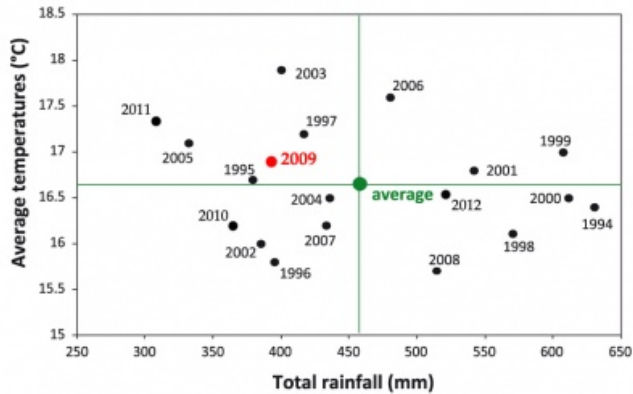


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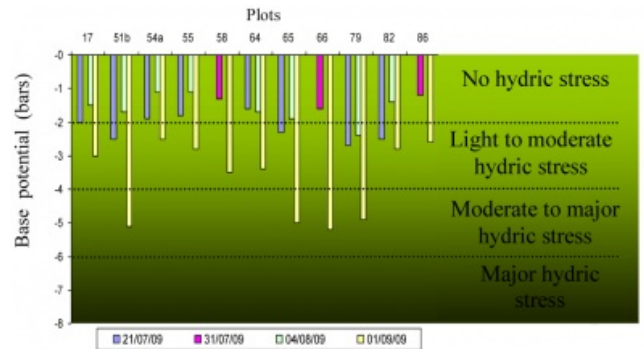
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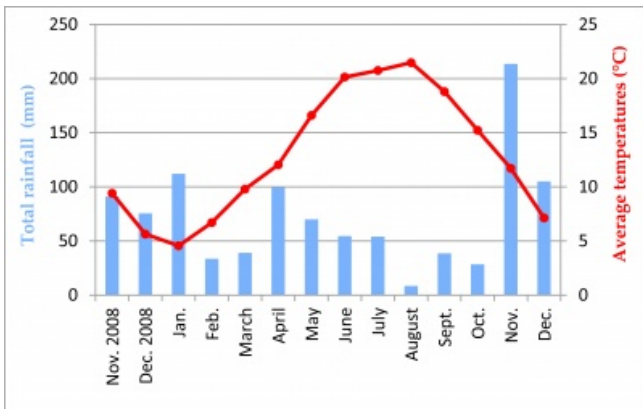
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