

# Las Cases

2013

## 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 2013

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Le millésime 2013 fut marqué par un printemps frais et humide à l'origine d'un début de cycle végétatif très lent et d'une floraison exceptionnellement tardive. La véraison et le début de maturation bénéficièrent ensuite de conditions favorables avec un mois de juillet parmi les plus chauds de la décennie et un début août sec et ensoleillé. Malgré le retour des pluies à partir de mi-septembre et grâce à la bonne gestion du vignoble (anticipation des effeuillages et échardages, enherbements ciblés), l'état sanitaire du raisin resta satisfaisant jusqu'au dernier jour de récolte.

## INFORMATIONS TECHNIQUES

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Assemblage : Cabernet Sauvignon 74% Merlot 12% Cabernet Franc 14%

Date de vendange : Du 2 au 17 octobre 2013

Degré : 13,10 %vol. - Acidité Totale : 3,76 gH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/l - pH : 3,69 - IPT : 63



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## NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION

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94/100

ALEXANDRE MA

I appreciate Las Cases 2013's herbal expression very much; it smartly transforms the Cabernet Sauvignon's minty fragrance into a sense of brick tea. With hints of cranberry and raspberry aromas after swirling the glass, this wine tastes like a delicate fruity flower tea. The entry of the palate is airy and smooth, with graceful lines until the end. (') Thanks to the rigorous selection during the harvest, we luckily found outstanding balance in this vintage. (September 2021)

92/100

DECANTER / JANE ANSON

Needs more air and time in the glass than the Clos de Marquis 2013 that was tasted alongside, reflecting the greater density of fruit that you find in the main estate even in a challenging year like 2013. As it opens, the aromatics major on raspberry and redcurrant as opposed to black fruit dominated vintages such as 2016 (or indeed the 2002 also tasted here). Be patient, because there is a ton of St Julien balance and sensibility on display, with subtle complexity and layers of earth, liquorice, cedar and incense. Subtle and fragrant, an atypical Las Cases but one that offers great pleasure for drinking, with precision and salivating freshness on the finish. (...). (August 2020)

17++/20

JANCIS ROBINSON / JULIA HARDING

Tasted blind. Mid garnet. Toasty and black-fruited on the nose. Rich and firm and again has density (...). Very good depth and all still to play for. Deep and long. (January 2017)

GUIDE HACHETTE 2017

Coup de Coeur \*\*

18/20

REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE

Comment ne pas être impressionné par la constitution et la profondeur de ce 2013 qui défie le millésime ? Avec ses arômes de cassis et de fruits rouges,



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il explose au nez. La bouche est à la fois profonde et diablement veloutée. Superbe! (Guide Vert 2017)

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WINE ADVOCATE / NEAL MARTIN

The 2013 Léoville-Las Cases has perhaps one of the most understated bouquets for this estate in recent years. (...). It gently unfolds with blackberry, bilberry and a light marine influence - iodine, a hint of black olive. The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannin, nicely balanced with a saline note that comes through towards the finish. I appreciate the cohesiveness and refinement of this Léoville-Las Cases, certainly one of the best Médocs of this difficult vintage. (October 2016)

18,5/20

BETTANE & DESSEAUME

Le cru caracole en tête du Médoc dans pratiquement tous les millésimes mais en 2013 c'est flagrant, et en 2014 il aura peu de rivaux. (Guide 2016)

93/100

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE

Elegant is used in a variety of ways with tasting notes in either a complimentary sense, or in a pejorative manner. With 2013 Léoville Las Cases, it's a positive trait as Léoville Las Cases is not usually a wine that can be enjoyed before it's 10th birthday. With the 2013, the fruits are ripe, present, elegant and even soft, as are the tannins. The wine is fresh, clean and correct. If you're looking for an LLC to enjoy in its youth, while waiting for the more powerful, tannic years to come around, this is the vintage. (May 2016)

94/100

JAMES SUCKLING

Extremely fine and complex for the vintage with blueberry, black currant and mineral aromas and flavors. Racy and refined backbone of tannins. Long and subtle. Drink in 2019. (February 2016)

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WINE SPECTATOR / JAMES MOLESWORTH

This has a rounded feel at first, with plum, blackberry and raspberry coulis



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flavors carried by supple tannins. Slowly and surely, a brooding charcoal note emerges through the finish, adding grip while a lingering iron detail lengthens the spine. This really stretches out in the glass, maintaining superior focus. Best from 2018 to 2028. (March 2016)

95/100

WINE ENTHUSIAST / ROGER VOSS

This impressively powerful wine has dense tannins and concentration. With 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, it is firm, packed with black-currant fruits with intense, perfumed acidity. Cabernet Franc adds spice to the wine. The wood aging is still showing and the wine will need several years before enjoying. Drink from 2025. (January 2016)

18,5/20

VINUM / ROLF BISCHEL

Perfekt eingebundenes, erstklassiges Tannin, diskreter Ausbau, ellenlang : herrlicher Wein. 2020 bis 2030.

93/100

FALSTAFF / PETER MOSER

Dark ruby garnet, violet reflections, sweet dark berry fruit, nuances of cassis and blackberries, delicate herbal spice, tobacco notes, still a little reserved. Complex, intense red berry fruit, fresh currants, present tannins, fine chocolaty touch, good extract sweetness in the finish, mineral and promising, clearly one of the top wines of the vintage. (April 2014)

93/100

JEANNIE CHO LEE

April 2014

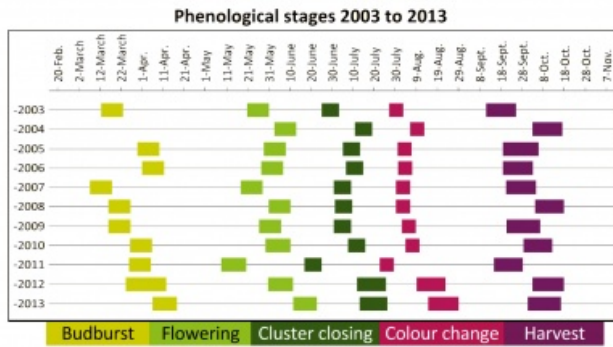


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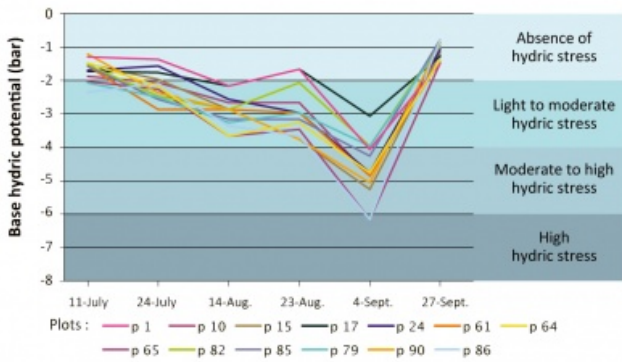
## Stades phénologiques



## Pluviométrie et températures en 2013



## Mesure des contraintes hydriques en 2013



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

