



DOMAINES DELON

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CLOS DU MARQUIS - CHÂTEAU NÉNIN - CHÂTEAU POTENSAC

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2002

# *Grand Vin de Léoville du Marquis de Las Cases*

## ASSEMBLAGE / BLEND

Cabernet Sauvignon 67%  
Merlot 14%  
Cabernet Franc 14%  
Petit Verdot 5%

## DATE DE VENDANGE / HARVEST PERIOD

Du 28 septembre au 11 octobre 2002  
From 28th September to 11th October 2002

## ANALYSES / LAB ANALYZES

Degré : 13,50 %vol. - Acidité Totale : 3,86 gH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/l - pH : 3,49 - IPT : 70  
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## LE MILLÉSIME / VINTAGE 2002

Avec un printemps plutôt chaud et ponctué d'épisodes pluvieux, la floraison fut perturbée, ce qui engendra coulure et millerandage notamment sur les Merlots. Juillet et août furent ensuite frais mais les conditions estivales restèrent globalement favorables, mis à part un léger manque d'ensoleillement. A partir du 9 septembre, les conditions climatiques changèrent radicalement : il s'établit un temps chaud et sec permettant à la maturation de se poursuivre dans des conditions particulièrement favorables aux Cabernets Sauvignons.

After a rather hot spring, punctuated with rainy spells, the flowering was a little disturbed, resulting in flower shatter and berry shot, in particular on the Merlots. July and August were cool but the summer weather was generally



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favourable apart from a slight lack of sun. From 9th September onwards there was a radical change: hot and dry weather settled in, leading to an excellent ripening, in particular for the Cabernet Sauvignons.

**NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION / TASTING NOTES**

**THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE**

93/100

(...). If you are seeking more of an old-school leaning styled Bordeaux, this is a good wine for you. (August 2021)

**DECANTER / JANE ANSON**

94/100

Not the easiest summer, although hot weather in September meant that this is a better vintage on the Left Bank where Cabernet was able to ripen - and here 81% of the blend is either Cabernet Sauvignon or Franc. Intense cassis, clear Las Cases signature, slight austerity still with a beautifully silky texture and a crushed mint leaf freshness. This has the understated savoury Cabernet character of the vintage, not as intense as some Las Cases vintages for certain, but this is packed with confident fruit and tannins and it is starting to open up, softening and showing its personality. As it evolves in the glass, the delicate complexity of the structure starts to exert its charm, and gentle truffled liquorice notes sit next to smoked blackberries. I started this as a Coravin sample, but in the end felt that was unfair, because it needs to be opened for a few hours before really starting to show what it's about.

Think of this as a great way to access Las Cases at an earlier window than usual, but it is not one to cellar indefinitely. Tasted twice, once at home and once at the château. 5% Petit Verdot completes the blend - the last time that this variety is in the 1st wine of Las Cases, as they were then field grafted over to Cabernet Sauvignon. (...).

(August 2020)

**JAMES SUCKLING**

94/100

Aromas of tobacco box, currants, cedar and mushrooms.



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#### NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION / TASTING NOTES - SUITE

It's medium-to full-bodied with austere tannins and black-chocolate and licorice flavors. So much licorice, in fact. Linear and tight with a racy finish. Delicious now. Why wait. (August 2020)

#### FALSTAFF / PETER MOSER

93/100

Kräftiges Rubingranat, violette Reflexe, breitere Randaufhellung. Feinwürzig, tabakig, etwas verhaltene Frucht, entwickelt sich gut im Glas. Saftig, rotbeerige Nuancen, feine Tannine, mineralisch und gut anhaltend, frisch und straff, salziger Nachhall.

(March 2015)

#### BETTANE & DESSEAUVE

17,5/20

Du charme, de la race, de l'élégance, bouteille quasi parfaite pour l'année.

#### DENIS HERVIER

Réglisse, eucalyptus au nez, ce vin à la fois terrien et marqué par le cèdre et le tabac offre une bouche unique pour le millésime.

#### JANCIS ROBINSON

16,5/20

Mid crimson. Racy, quite subtle nose. Strongly cassis and cedar ' almost like textbook claret. Pretty firm. But it does still seem pretty youthful and far from a charmer.

(March 2012)

#### WINE ADVOCATE / ROBERT PARKER

95/100

Only 43% of the production made it into the final blend of this remarkable 2002. (...). Nevertheless, the impression is one of a structured wine with considerable density, a



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#### NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION / TASTING NOTES - SUITE

ruby/purple color, layers of flavor, and a classic overall personality. The wine exhibits pure black currant, licorice-infused fruit, huge body, a viscous mid-palate, and a long, heady finish. I suspect this wine won't be nearly as charming as the 2003 in its youth, but it hasn't yet closed down, and I am amazed at just how rich, intense, and full-bodied it tastes even after bottling. This is certainly one of the half dozen or so candidates for wine of the vintage.

Anticipated maturity: 2012-2030.

(April 2005)

#### JEAN-MARC QUARIN

95/100

Rouge sombre. Bonne intensité. Net. Intense. Fin. Très, très fruité. Mûr. Cassis. Fraise. Régisse. Intense. Fin. Puissant. Charnu et puissant à l'attaque mais un peu vif, ce vin très, très savoureux et réglissé évolue un tantinet rugueux dans son tannin. Très belle longueur savoureuse (...). Longueur normale.

(Janvier 2006)

#### REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE

18/20

Guide Vert 2007

#### VINOUS / STEPHEN TANZER

93+/100

Moderately saturated red-ruby. Captivating if cooler nose of blackcurrant, licorice and minerals. Very intensely flavored and gripping if currently quite tight. The black fruit and menthol flavors show an almost medicinal austerity and uncanny penetration on the palate. Very ripe for 2002, at 13.5%, with a pH of 3.85. Today, I find a more classically firm finish and a bit more personality than in



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**NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION / TASTING NOTES - SUITE**

the young 2004, but then the new vintage has a long way to go before it's in bottle.

(May 2005)

**VINUM**

17,5/20

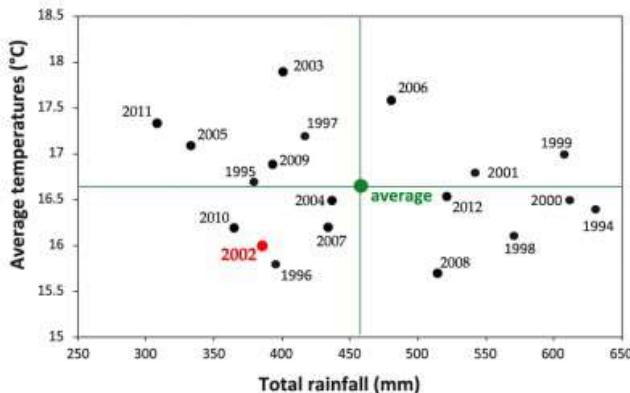


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Comparatif des températures et précipitations sur la période végétative : du 1er mars au 31 octobre / Comparison of temperatures and rainfall during the growth cycle : from 1st March to 31st October



Pluviométrie et températures en 2002 / Total rainfall and average temperatures in 2002

