

CHATEAU LARCIS DUCASSE 2007

SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU CLASSE

L'exposition plein sud est merveilleuse et le terroir en terrasse digne d'un premier grand cru.

Classement des Meilleurs Vins de France 2006, La Revue du Vin de France

Grande réussite : (...) on est ici largement au niveau d'un premier cru classé, comme le terroir le permet.

Michel Bettane et Thierry Desseauve, Tast (6 Mai 05)

Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (176-April 08)

92-94/100

Fruit très précis et frais, attaque en bouche tout en élégance, sans la moindre rudesse, profondeur svelte et veloutée, belle fraîcheur. Incontestablement brillant.

Michel Bettane et Thierry Desseauve, Tast (48 - Avril 08)

17-17,5/20

Coup de coeur

Jacques Perrin, blog.cavesa.ch (Avril 08)

92-94/100

Grand Jury Européen (Avril 08)

★★★★★

Fine wine with a mix of elegance and power. Long and linear with pretty red berry fruit and the minerally stamp of terroir. Fresh and firm on the finish. Definitely ageing potential here. Drink 2013-2025.

James Lawther, Decanter (April 08)

★★★★★

Moderately saturated medium ruby. Aromas of black fruits, coffee and mocha, with a whiff of cherry liqueur. Then sweet, round and soft, with noteworthy depth to the black fruit, mineral and licorice flavors. Finishes sweet and long, with ripe, suave tannins and very good breadth. Serious, complex, stylish wine with plenty of shape and energy.

Stephen Tanzer, www.wineaccess.com (May 08)

89-92/100

Sorry, but I always find this a degree too overripe on the nose. Very opulent with black plums, black cherries and redcurrants with violets coming forth. But the palate is more restrained than usual, very good ripeness but tempered by some firm tannins. Superb balance and delineation with pure black fruits on the finish. The nose is better after a few swirls and it ends up being one of the better Saint Emilions in 2007.

Neal Martin, eRobertParker.com (April 08)

90-92/100

Focused and racy, with attractive mineral, berry and floral character. Medium body, racy tannins and a pretty finish.

James Suckling, Wine Spectator (April 08)

87-90/100

Larcis Ducasse was my favourite and as stunning as PGCC'er (B) – cherry drops, quite intense aromas, quite powerful on the palate with big depth and great length. Long and firm finish. Simply excellent effort for the vintage.

Izak Litwar, eRobertParker.com (April 08)

93/100

Robe sombre, un peu de bois sensible au nez, bouche dense et fraîche, élégante, avec du moelleux, long, frais, vif, serré. Beau fruit et tension en bouche, long. **Coup de coeur**

O = 2012 G = 10 ans

Jacques Dupont, Le Point (15 Mai 08)

17/20

Couleur pourpre, d'intensité moyenne. Nez fruité, mûr. Notes subtiles de bois. Touches de cassis. Aspect très élégant. Ressemble au style de Berliquet. Entrée en bouche particulièrement agréable. Le vin se développe très fruité, finement charnu sur un gras et des tannins fins et aromatiques. Finale dynamique et de bonne longueur. Une fois encore un aspect racé ressort.

Jean Marc Quarin (Avril 08)

16,25-16,5/20

Le nez est séduisant, avec des parfums, de cerises, de groseilles, et une note de mûre sauvage, en bouche la qualité des saveurs fruitées est remarquable dans le millésime, les tannins sont fins et ciselés, la chair est précise et souligne un milieu de bouche d'une bonne tenue, la finale est racée, juteuse, l'acidité est bien maîtrisée, minérale (légèrement salée), en ultime sensation.

Daniel Sériot, rivedroite.canalblog.com (16 Avril 08)

91-93+/100

Grand nez de merlots mûrs avec un rôti flatteur, belle ampleur, du gras, ça ne retombe pas, ça se prolonge même net et harmonieux. Vrai beau vin !

Le Châ, www.degustateurs.com (10 Avril 08)

4.5/5

Joli nez fruité . la bouche est d'une immense finesse avec du goût, du fruit du minéral pour une construction toute en longueur

Vincent Ravenne, www.buveursdetiquettes.fr (21 Avril 08)

91-94/100

Pour avoir eu la chance de déguster au domaine le 2005 il y a quelques jours (je sais, rien que d'en parler est osé !), je trouve une similitude dans la construction tout en finesse et en élégance de ce vin. Ici, rien ne dépasse mais le fruité est généreux, la structure racée, la finesse exemplaire avec ce qu'il faut de chair et une belle longueur.

Vincent Ravenne, www.buveursdetiquettes.fr (10 Avril 08)

91-93/100

Le nez est sur des notes florales, de fleurs fanées, de pivoine et de violette. Un peu différent, mais complexe. La bouche est très bien travaillée, avec des tanins mûrs et un fruit croquant et des arômes de bourgeon de cassis. La finale est intense aromatiquement et épicée. Un très beau vin.

Stéphane Villette, www.buveursdetiquettes.fr (6 Avril 08)

92/100

Très joli nez, bien parfumé, à mi-chemin entre les aspects floraux et fruités. Souple en attaque, un matière en demi-corps mais harmonieuse qui se développe et laisse une très agréable fin de bouche, longue et suave. Du plaisir, vraiment.

Didier Romieux, www.vinissime.com (Avril 08)

89-91/100

There has been a stunning transformation here in the last few years. This fabulously situated 10 hectare vineyard (next door to Pavie on the best slope in Saint Emilion) has always had potential but has never produced great wine. In 2002, Nicolas Thienpont and Stéphane Derenoncourt of neighbouring Pavie Macquin, took control of both the vineyard and the winemaking and it is now making beautiful creamy, silky wines. 89% Merlot and 11% Cabernet Franc. Not the deepest of colours, quite perfumed, modern nose with plenty of vanilla. The palate has evident ripeness with good complexity and a satisfyingly sweet fruited finish. Well done.

Farr Vintners (April 08)

15.5+/20

Bright crimson colour. Aromatic, opulent nose of Merlot plums and cherries. Mid-weight with sweetly ripe dark fruits, milk chocolate notes and a pleasing cashmere texture. Unforced, fresh and elegant with a good finish.

Albany vintners (April 08)

91-93/100

A hot favourite at the moment, this is highly in demand around the world and so our allocation, like that of Pavie Macquin, sells out fast. Situated near Pavie, this bears the hallmark of Stephane Derenoncourt's winemaking – elegance, flavour and length. A very good bottle with plenty of persistence of flavour, graceful. Drink 2011-2017.

Avery's of Bristol (April 08)

During the 1940s and the 1950s Larcis Ducasse was considered one of St Emilion's very top estates, but under Nicolas Thienpont the last few vintages have been better than ever. Biodynamic principles and the famous Côte Pavie terroir produced a perfumed, Merlot-dominated (89 %) St Emilion with generous fruit and supple tannins. There is a wonderfully fresh, citrus edge to the raspberry and blackberry nose, while the initially restrained palate explodes with crunchy blackcurrant and creamy plum towards a pure, mineral, mocha finish. If you have never tried this St Emilion rising star, this is a great place to start. Drink 2001-2018

Berry Bros & Rudd (April 08)

16/20

Fine, fresh, floral fruit, lovely tannins, and stays fresh to the finish. Good in the vintage.

Lea and Sandeman Co. (April 08)

90/100

Larcis Ducasse is next to Ch Pavie and has excellent terroir and is made by the Nicolas Thienpont and Stéphane Derenoncourt team. The 2007 has all the markings of a successful wine. Its sweet core fleshes out its polished and pronounced tannic structure. A touch of savouriness adds extra dimension to the finish while its racy acidity adds freshness and lift. 2012-2023

Goedhuis & Company (April 08)

87-90/100

Racy gravel and minerals on the nose, leading to ripe, wild bramble fruit and the leafy, sappy elegance of Cabernet Franc; shiny and suave in texture, good intensity of dark fruit on the palate and balancing acidity.

www.justerinis.com (April 08)

This is appealingly aromatic, with notes of vanilla, plum and bright summer pudding fruits. The palate is full, sweet and creamy, although it soon reveals a very hard extract beneath which is only partially covered by the overlying fruit. Firm acidity, a well structured wine, showing a chewy and drying grip at the finish. The extraction here is borderline, as with the 2005, so it will be interesting to see how this fairs once in bottle, but I think it could be very good indeed.

www.thewinedoctor.com (April 08)

16-17+?/20