

CHATEAU LARCIS DUCASSE 2009

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)

This is another 2009 that does not live up to the extraordinary quality of the 2005, but it is a fascinating wine nevertheless. Composed of 81 % Merlot and 19 % Cabernet Franc, it tips the scales at 14.8 % natural alcohol. The wunderkind team of Nicolas Thienpont and Stéphane Derenoncourt has produced a dense, rich, soft, relatively seamless, elegant example of Larcis Ducasse, without the concentration found in the 2005. The 2009 reveals a generous sweet spot in the middle along with lots of glycerine, and a wonderful round opulence, but I did not see the potential complexity or sheer concentration of their best wine to date, the 2005. Look for the 2009 to age easily for two decades. (Tasted four times).

Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (176-April 10)

91-94/100

Seductive aroma of crushed red-berry fruit. Exceptional fruit and flavour. Fine tannins, freshness and length. Real personality. As good as 2005. Drink 2016-2030.

James Lawther, Decanter (April 10)

18/20 ★★★★★

Vin de bel équilibre, soyeux et allongé, avec un fruit rouge très frais et une allonge dynamique. Caractère épicé très persistant.

Michel Bettane et Thierry Desseauve, Tast (62 - Avril 10)

17-17,5/20

Très fin, joliment extrait, aux tanins délicats agrémentés de notes de fruits rouges, un milieu de bouche plein qui s'allonge dans l'élégance. Quel gain de finesse et de justesse aromatique depuis 2002 ! Assemblage 81 % merlot et 19 % cabernet franc, les cabernet-sauvignon ont été éliminés. Des notes d'épices rehaussent la finale de ce vin complet, long et savoureux.

Philippe Maurange, La Revue du Vin de France (Mai 10)

17-18/20

Frais, minéral, épices, violette, fruits rouges, bouche racée, tannique mais fondue, bel équilibre, bonne amertume rafraîchissante en finale, crayeux, on devine le grand terroir. Un vin que l'on ne peut pas faire ailleurs.

O = 2017 G = 20 ans

Jacques Dupont, Le Point (n°1964 - 6 Mai 10)

17,5/20

Jacques Perrin, blog.cavesa.ch (13 Avril 10)

Grand vin 93-95/100 ★★★★★

Some development at the rim. Rich and super-ripe black fruits. Sweet and rather fruit-juice like. Polished and made with great elan. Super smooth. I think people would like this. The tannins have been well managed. It's just a little too sweet for my personal taste.

Jancis Robinson, www.jancisrobinson.com (8 April 10)

17/20

A blend of 81% Merlot and 19% Cabernet Franc, this brims with ripe red-berried fruit on the nose with touches of wild hedgerow and wild strawberry. It is not as opulent as previous vintages. The palate is medium-bodied with silky tannins, very harmonious and refined with touches of cooked meats/savoury inflected the red-berried fruit. This is lovely, if just missing a little tension on the finish. Tasted March 2010.

Neal Martin, eRobertParker.com (April 10)

91-93/100

Belle couleur. Le nez est mûr sans excès, élégant et complexe. Quel équilibre en bouche ! C'est superbe, avec de beaux tanins, bois inclus. De la puissance certes, mais sans qu'elle soit un but en soi. L'un des plus beaux vins du millésime.

Roger Lévy, www.legoutduvin.com (19 Avril 10)

★★★

Gorgeous, juicy fruit, with light wood, full and velvety tannins, and loads of Indian spices. Though there's lots going on, I was expecting a little more.

James Suckling, Wine Spectator (April 10)

92-95/100

Larcis Ducasse m'a ébloui. Un très grand nez d'une élégance folle. Un très beau volume en bouche, avec une grande densité, et une finale qui fait saliver grandement.

Laurent Saura, www.buveursdetiquettes.fr (30 Mars 10)

17,5(+)/20

Le plus abouti, probablement de toute son histoire. Il fera aimer les Bordeaux même à tous les aigris, et aux pisse-vinaigre.

Daniel Sériot, rivedroite.canalblog.com (30 Mars 10)

97-100/100

Le nez est crémeux, avec des parfums de cerises noires, de mûres écrasées et d'épices douces, l'attaque laisse entrevoir un chair dense et extrêmement veloutée, les tannins sont très bien tramés et de grande race, le centre offre un beau relief, avec toujours beaucoup de chair, et d'élégance tannique, les fruits sont purs et intenses. La finale est fondante, pleine, très persistante, avec des saveurs juteuses et très gourmandes, finement épicées, accompagnées de notes salines. (dégusté trois fois)

Daniel Sériot, rivedroite.canalblog.com (05 Avril 10)

96-100/100

De très jolis vins sur les grands terroirs et un vin qui continue de grimper... Larcis Ducasse !

Vincent Ravenne, www.buveursdetiquettes.fr (1 Avril 10)

Dans les très jolis vins du jour, un énorme vin à la Mondotte mais à quel prix, un remarquable Pavie Macquin, mais est-ce une surprise, un superbe Beauséjour Duffau Lagarrosse que je n'avais jamais goûté à ce niveau, un très beau Berliquet et la plus belle bouteille du jour, le Larcis Ducasse que nous avons sorti 1^{er} avec Julien dans une dégustation journalistes à l'aveugle.

Vincent Ravenne, www.buveursdetiquettes.fr (1 Avril 10)

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. A big creamy nose. Rich, powerful but balanced. Sweet candied fruit. Intense but not over-blown. The acceptable face of modern wine-making in St Emilion. More class than Pavie Macquin this year.

Farr Vintners (April 10)

17+/20

The Thienpont and Derenoncourt team have done it again. Larcis Ducasse is another wonderful example from this exceptional terroir. It really does beg the question, why were the wines so mediocre for so long? Since the 2004 vintage the dynamic duo have elevated this estate situated next to Pavie into one of the finest in the commune. The 2009 possesses a beautiful bouquet of wild strawberries, flowers, minerals, rocks, liquorice; as well as savoury notes of damp earth and cooked meats. This is rich, concentrated, powerful, but at the same time charming, complex and refreshing. The palate is full of sweet fruits and velvety plums. A supremely complex, intense, multilayered Larcis with impeccable balance and beautiful velour tannins. Wonderful.

www.justerinis.com (April 10)

An intense, lifted perfume, from the 19 % Cabernet Franc, burst from the glass upon tasting this wine whilst the supple elegance of perfectly ripe (but not overripe) 81 % Merlot added a fine, silky balance. The stylish, ripe tannins then melted away leaving a long, long finish with a Ribena kick at the end. Simply delicious.

Berry Bros & Rudd (April 10)

17/20

With just over 80% merlot in the blend, this is naturally a rich and flamboyant wine, with hints of sweet plums and cocoa. The tannins are present, but there are masses of dense fruit to support them and give an overriding sensation of warm ripe flavours.

David Roberts MW, Goedhuis & Company (April 10)

91-93/100

Dense and slightly brawny fruit here, rather withdrawn in style. Lots of creamy presence on the palate, with a huge grippy, massively structured style. As usual Larcis Ducasse has a piles of tannin and extract. But there is also plenty of density here, and fruit in abundance. Grippy and savoury, dense, succulent but powerful. The extract at this estate sometimes jars, but I find that in this vintage it seems to be turbo-charged in all elements, not just extraction, so it works quite well I think. For once I find this impressive rather than just over-done. Still, a very modern style of St Emilion that will probably divide opinion.

www.thewinedoctor.com (April 10)

17.5-18.5+/20

A modern, glossy, concentrated style. Open on the nose, with notes of black berry fruit and a hint of spice. On the palate, there is a rich core of dark cherry fruit, offset by ripe fruit tannins and a vein of minerality. Soft and layered on the palate, this finishes long and with a pleasing freshness.

Lay & Wheeler (April 10)