



CHÂTEAU LÉOVILLE LAS CASES 2010

SAINT-JULIEN - Deuxième Grand Cru Classé

Description

They extend over nearly 60ha producing Cabernet Sauvignons and Cabernet Francs with a complex, polished expression and characteristics which are totally unique to the Grand Vin of Léoville du Marquis de Las Cases and have been widely recognized for years.

History of the estate

One of the oldest Medoc estates, Domaine de Léoville belonged to some of the wealthiest and most influential noble French families before it was acquired by the Las Cases family. The estate was split up between 1826 and 1840 as a result of the French Revolution and the three Léovilles that we know today came into being. Léoville Las Cases represents 3/5 of the former estate. The Grand Vin's current terroir has therefore been at the historic heart of the original terroir since the 17th century. Pierre Jean, Adolphe and Gabriel de Las Cases were successive heirs to the property until 1900, when Théophile Skawinski purchased a share in the estate and became its manager. Léoville Las Cases has now been managed by the same family since the late 19th century and is today represented by Jean-Hubert Delon, sole owner of the château and proprietor of Château Potensac in the Medoc and Château Nénin in Pomerol.

Terroir

The Clos encases a terroir of very great complexity. It is mainly composed of Quaternary gravel ("graves") over gravelly sand and gravelly clay subsoils. We also find clays which are variably deep and compact, but which sometimes break through to the surface. The proximity of the Gironde River has created the wide diversity of soils, formed over various geological periods by successive superimpositions. The river also creates a special microclimate that enables very early ripening of the grapes and protects the vineyards from frost. This combination of geological combinations influences the growth of the vine and the composition of the grapes: regular but restricted water supply and a very low intake of nutrients bring out the best in the great Cabernet Sauvignons and Cabernet Francs which usually achieve their full potential whatever the vintage. The incomparable terroir gives this great wine its unique personality.

Age of vines

40 ans

Average yield of the vineyard

36 hl/ha

Grape varieties

65% Cabernet-sauvignon
19% Merlot
13% Cabernet franc
3% Petit verdot



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Vinification

Traditional in tanks

Ageing

16 to 20 months in barrels

Blending

82% Cabernet-sauvignon

10% Merlot

8% Cabernet franc



Wine Enthusiast

97/100



James Suckling

99/100



Wine Spectator

99/100



Robert Parker

98



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