

# Las Cases

2016

## 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 2016

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Le millésime 2016 démarre avec des réserves hydriques largement reconstituées grâce à d'importantes précipitations de janvier à mars. Des températures douces en mars assurent un débourrement précoce de la vigne alors qu'avril est ponctué de matinées froides et pluvieuses donnant lieu à une pousse végétative ralentie. De mi-juin à mi-octobre, les pluviométries sont bien en dessous des normales saisonnières. Durant la première quinzaine d'août, la véraison est rapide et homogène sur les trois propriétés. Quelques pluies éparses mi-septembre surviennent, permettant de débloquent les terroirs les plus filtrants. Les parfaites conditions climatiques durant les vendanges nous permettent de récolter des raisins d'une qualité remarquable.

## INFORMATIONS TECHNIQUES

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Assemblage : Cab. Sauvignon 75% Merlot 14% Cab. Franc 11%

Date de vendange : 30 septembre au 19 octobre 2016

Degré: 13,60% - Acidité Totale: 3,80 - PH 3,66 - IPT 82



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## NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION

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**100/100**

**JAMES SUCKLING / JACOBO GARCIA ANDRADE**

This has a vivid nose of dried flowers, walnuts, subtle dark fruit and a touch of earth. The palate is exceptionally refined, medium- to full bodied, harmonious and integrated, with wonderful subtlety and energy. The fruit is elegant and well integrated. The finish is long and elegant as well as textural. This is approachable, but it will show its true colors with a couple of years of cellaring. (February 2026)

**97/100**

**DECANTER / CLARE TOWLEY (MW)**

Expert Panel's first choice at the 2021 edition of the Judgement of Napa. "In all its monolithic majesty, the (...) Chateau Léoville Las Cases had stolen my heart along with my fellow tasters". (December 2021)

**97/100**

**INSTITUTE OF MASTER OF WINES**

Las Cases is firmly positioned at the top of the second growths and, tasting this wine, it is easy to see why. There is no hurry to drink this though. Intense and tightly wound, there is a stony, mineral edge which, combined with the pure, dark currant fruit, spicy oak, firm tannins and lingering acidity, suggest this will blossom in five years and live for 50. Drinking Window 2026 - 2055. (December 2021)

**LES ECHOS / YOHAN CASTAING**

Encore dans sa jeunesse, mais démontrant un potentiel de garde exceptionnel, Léoville Las Cases 2016 est un monument en Médoc. Précis, tendu, plein et surtout possédant des tanins laser-like, c'est l'une des grandes bouteilles de Bordeaux. (Décembre 2021)

**98/100**

**VINOUS / NEAL MARTIN**

(...) Very detailed, powerful bouquet of blackberry, cedar, potpourri and iris aromas that soar from the glass. The palate is very well balanced with fine tannins, pitch-perfect acidity and a sense of harmony throughout. It fans out wonderfully on the finish. A 2016 with a sense of completeness and



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bewitching symmetry. Tasted blind at the Southwold tasting. (August 2020)

100/100

DECANTER / JANE ANSON

Nothing under 20 years old supplies fruit for the grand vin de Léoville. It's extremely dark and rich, a stately purple in colour with some violet around the rim. Right from the off it expands upwards and outwards, showing polished dark, dark fruits such as black cherry and cassis, alongside slate, liquorice and rosemary. It's mouthfilling and almost less austere than all of the others, yet it's a serious wine. The tannins close in on themselves at the end, showing how this is built to last. A great advert for the whole of Bordeaux, and for me it's the clear wine of the vintage. (October 2018)

20/20

GAULT & MILLAU / YOHAN CASTAING

Nez racé, complexe, profond avec de légères touches boisées, des notes d'épices, de la longueur. Plein, charnu avec des tannins superbes et structurants, de la puissance totalement contenue dans un écrin soyeux, velouté et taffetas. Sur des rails avec beaucoup de race. Superbe acidité. Ce sera effectivement un très Grand Léoville Las Cases. L'un des vins du millésime. Pour dans 25/30 ans même s'il est déjà élégant. (Mars 2019)

100/100

JEB DUNNUCK

The 2016 Léoville Las Cases is the finest vintage I've ever tasted from this estate; in fact, in this reviewer's opinion, this magical, perfect wine couldn't be better. It reveals a deep, saturated purple color as well as a thrilling bouquet of crème de cassis, iris flowers, graphite, crushed rocks, and freshly sharpened lead pencils. A perfect example of the old saying, an iron fist in a velvet glove, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, a deep, layered, stacked mid-palate, flawless integration of its acidity and tannins, and a monster finish. The balance and purity here are off the charts. Hide bottles for a decade or so and enjoy over the following half a century. (February 2019)

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REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE

Véritable essence de Las Cases, ce vin est évidemment encore impénétrable. Ce vin musclé, mais aussi très complexe colle littéralement au



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palais. La finale déroule d'incroyables flots continus de fruits, tout en fraîcheur et en éclat. Coup de Coeur - Guide Vert 2020.

**98/100**

**THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER / JEFF LEVE**

This has really expanded since my initial barrel tasting. The nose explodes, literally! The fruit jumps from the glass, it is that concentrated. Blackberry, cassis and tobacco are all over the place. This is so concentrated, you can almost eat it with a spoon! The fruit coats your mouth. But it is the level of density and freshness, coupled with all those sweet, pure fruit sensations that let you know, this wine means business. You can actually feel the fruit expand on your palate! This is what great wine is all about. (...). (September 2019)

**100/100**

**WINE ADVOCATE / LISA PERROTTI-BROWN**

Very deep purple-black colored, the 2016 Léoville Las Cases is quite closed to begin, yet with patient coaxing it unfurls beautifully to reveal suggestions of ripe blackcurrants, black raspberries, warm redcurrants and wild blueberries, followed by touches of unsmoked cigars, tilled red soil, cast iron pan, fallen leaves and lavender plus wonderfully fragrant wafts of lilacs and baking spices. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is packed with tightly knit, very subtle layers of minerals, floral notions and black and red berries, all framed by exquisitely ripe, silt-like tannins and fantastic freshness, finishing with epic length and depth. Simply captivating even in its youth, give it at least a decade in the cellar and then enjoy it over the next 50+ years. (November 2018)

**100/100**

**WINE CHRONICLES / PANOS KAKAVIATOS**

**100/100**

**BECKUSTATOR / YVES BECK**

Pourpre dense aux reflets violets. Quelle ouragan olfactif...un ouragan maîtrisé, d'une rare intensité aux nombreuses facettes. Je relève, pour commencer, des notes crayeuses, minérales. Viennent s'y ajouter des baies noires telles que les mûres, un peu de réglisse ainsi qu'une touche de violettes. A l'aération des notes de cerises ainsi qu'une agréable fraîcheur



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variétale mûre s'affichent. La mise en bouche est imposante ; non par sa puissance mais par son aptitude à afficher sa celle-ci avec beaucoup de tact et de précision. Les tannins sont crémeux, soyeux, denses, puissants et confèrent une touche suave au palais tandis que la structure soutient idéalement l'ensemble de la bouche. Quelle réussite époustouflante, quel Grand Vin. On devrait décidément penser à créer le rang der 1er Grand Cru Classé de St-Julien ! Finale fruité, intense et persistante. Une légende est née, j'en suis convaincu ! (Novembre 2018)

100/100

FALSTAFF / PETER MOSER

Tiefdunkles Rubingranat, opaker Kern, dezente Randaufhellung, zart nach Lakritze und Cassis, tabakige Nuancen, feiner Edelholztouch, zart nach kandierten Orangenzenen. Kraftvoll engmaschig, reife Kirschen, présente, integrierte Tannine, frischer Säurebogen, dunkle Beerenfrucht im Abgang, gut anhaltend, zitroniger Touch, mineralischer Nachhall, ein Vin der Garde, der gute zehn Jahre bis zur ersten Trinkreife benötigen wird. (May 2017)

20/20

MATTHEW JUKES

98/100

ANDREAS LARSSON

98/100

BETTANE & DESSEAUVE / MICHEL BETTANE

18/20

JANCIS ROBINSON

Tasted blind. Sweet start and a very deep colour. Intense and minerally. Massively stony and dense. Sinews to the fore! Thick and sweet ; a little foot-dragging at the moment but it's got everything and the kitchen sink in there waiting to open out. Very dramatic and concentrated. Drink 2030-2050. (February 2020)



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JEANNIE CHO LEE

Plush, opulent, powerful Las Cases with enormous concentration combined with a supple, velvety texture. (April 2017)

99/100

THE WINE DOCTOR / CHRIS KISSACK

(...). This has a very serious nose, with highly polished fruits, reminiscent of perfumed black cherries and blackcurrants, swirled with notes of vanilla and toasted oak. The palate is superb, so savoury and correct, but so textured, sinewy and precise, the structure and fruit of the wine tightly interwoven. It feels so huge in its composition, and yet it is so deft and elegant in the way it moves across the palate; only its trail of rich, polished and velvety tannins, which slowly appear from beneath the curtain of fruit, give any clue to its magnificent future. These tannins linger in the finish, with confidence, supporting the dark and savoury fruits. A classic St Julien, and a wonderful result for this property. (December 2018)

98/100

VINIFERA / JACQUES PERRIN

98/100

VINOUS / ANTONIO GALLONI

The 2016 Léoville Las Cases is a majestic, seamless, opulent wine. Yes, I am talking about Las Cases, traditionally one of the Left Bank's most austere, forbiddingly tannic wines. Sumptuous and full-bodied, the 2016 takes over all the senses, with seemingly endless layers of inky, purplish fruit. Mint, lavender and white flowers are some of the many notes that emerge from the exotic, arrestingly beautiful bouquet as the 2016 makes its case for consideration as one of the wines of the vintage. The 2016 got an extra three months in barrel and was therefore bottled on the later side, but that does not appear to have done anything to close the wine down. The 2016 was magnificent on both occasions I tasted it. Put simply, the 2016 Las Cases is a total stunner. Don't miss it! (January 2019)

19,5/20

WEINWISSER



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97-99/100

WINE ENTHUSIAST / ROGER VOSS

(...) This is an impressive wine. Dark and tannic, it still has room for considerable fruitiness. It balances dense tannins and layers of black plum fruit along with the freshness of the vintage. Everything is in its place; it just needs time, plenty of time. (January 2017)

98/100

WINE SPECTATOR / JAMES MOLESWORTH

This is really dense, yet remarkably polished and poised, delivering wave after wave of blueberry, açai berry, raspberry and blackberry puree notes, all while warm tar and sweet tobacco details cruise underneath. There's a long, smoldering cast iron note through the finish that adds both austerity and authority in a truly unique manner. Best from 2025 through 2045. "Blue Chip" Tag - Wine Spectator. (January/February 2021)

18,75/20

JEAN-MARC QUARIN

Mars 2020

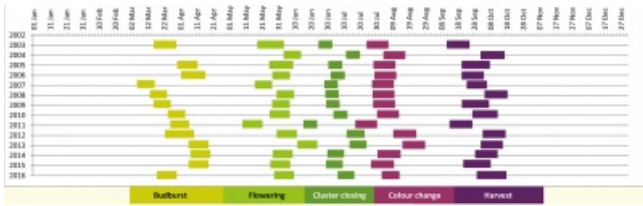


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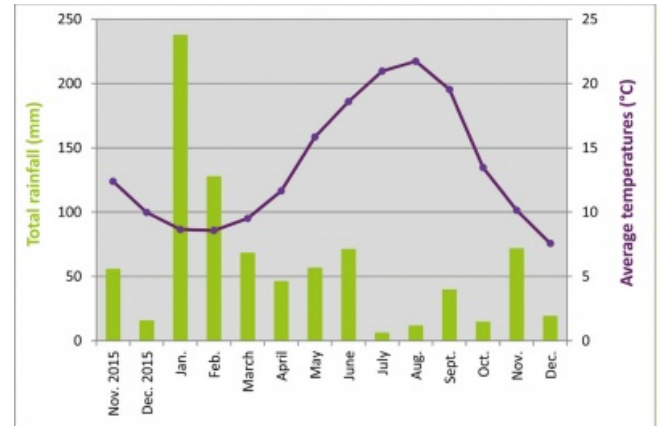
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Stades phénologiques



Pluviométrie et températures en 2016



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

