

Las Cases

2022

TERROIR

Le Grand Enclos de Las Cases renferme un terroir d'une très grande complexité. Issu majoritairement de graves du Quaternaire sur sous-sol gravo-sableux et gravo-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 2022

Las Cases une fois de plus nous étonne par sa régularité et sa capacité à s'adapter à n'importe quelles conditions climatiques. Le millésime 2022 se révèle exceptionnel. L'hiver froid et doux a entraîné un débourrement précoce, dès la fin du mois de mars. Le printemps peu arrosé avec des températures élevées permet le bon développement de la vigne. L'été caniculaire a entraîné rapidement les premières contraintes hydriques qui témoignent généralement d'un millésime remarquable. Toutefois les précipitations de fin mai à fin juin, plus abondantes sur Saint-Julien que sur les autres appellations, tout comme la précieuse présence de la Gironde ont permis à la vigne de ne pas souffrir des périodes sèches et chaudes de l'été. Par ailleurs ces conditions ont mené les raisins vers une magnifique maturité potentielle en tanins pelliculaires, dans des baies pourtant petites et concentrées. Durant les vendanges, la récolte a été menée avec la plus grande minutie et avec un travail intra-parcellaire qui a permis de récolter chaque zone à sa maturité optimale, ce par plusieurs passages successifs. Mention spéciale pour nos Cabernets Sauvignons du Grand Enclos, parfaitement mûrs, frais et complexes donnant une dimension extraordinaire à



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l'assemblage du Grand Vin.

INFORMATIONS TECHNIQUES

Assemblage : 83.5% Cabernet Sauvignon 10.5% Cabernet Franc 6% Merlot

Date de vendange : Du 8 au 30 Septembre 2022

Degré : 14 % - Acidité Totale : 3,37 gH₂SO₄/l - pH : 3,80 - IPT : 85



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NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION



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Sophistication and pure beauty on the nose, showing intense lead pencil, blackcurrants, ink and blackberries as well as crushed stones. Spellbinding. Medium-bodied, it grows endlessly on the palate, superb tannins caressing like the finest silk. It just keeps on coming. The character is immaculate. Ethereal. Power with elegance. 83.5% cabernet sauvignon, 10.5% cabernet franc and 6% merlot. It gives the impression you can drink it now, but it needs five to six years of bottle age. A neoclassical masterpiece. Try after 2031, but if you want to taste it now, I understand. (February 2025)

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Cassis puree, bitter chocolate, so much power and intensity, with a joy and an immediacy that you rarely get in Las Cases. The tannins have a slight tug on the finish which tells you that the power of this vintage remains a little unruly, needs wrestling into place on this particular site. But hard to argue with, layered, powerful, confident, slow-moving. Arnaud Delon is joining his father at the Delon estates, and the new winery is due for completion by September 2025. 84% new oak for ageing. Eric Boissenot consultant, harvest September 8 to 30. (March 2025)

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THE WINE ADVOCATE/WILLIAM KELLEY

The 2022 Léoville Las Cases is just as remarkable in bottle as it was from barrel. Wafting from the glass with aromas of beautifully pure cassis fruit mingled with notions of violets, burning embers and subtle cigar box, it has already almost entirely integrated its new oak. Full-bodied, dense and layered, it's deep and resonant, with striking concentration, precision and harmony, concluding with a long, palate-staining finish. This striking Saint-Julien really is one of the wines of the vintage, and the best young Léoville Las Cases I've ever tasted. (March 2025)



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THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER/JEFF LEVE

In competition for wine of the vintage, this is the finest Léoville Las Cases ever produced. Majestic on the palate, with layer after layer of perfectly ripe, black with red fruits that start strong, and keep on going. But, what makes this so good, is that with all its weight, and density, the wine manages to remain light on its feet, making it effortless to drink. The fruit is uncommonly rich in the mid-palate with a seamless finish, that hits the 60-second mark with ease. Léoville Las Cases requires bottle aging. But, with 2022, part of the magic here is that it will be enjoyable with only a decade of age, evolving, and improving for 40-50 years with ease. The wine blends 83.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10.5% Cabernet Franc and 6% Merlot. This is only the second time in the history of the estate that you find more Cabernet Franc than Merlot in the blend. Drink from 2030-2065. (March 2025)

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THE WINE INDEPENDENT/CHRIS KISSACK

The assemblage of the Delon grand vin is 83.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10.5% Cabernet Franc and 6% Merlot, and the press wine accounts for 8% of the blend. The élevage was in 85% new oak barrels for 18 months. The aromatics here are striking, with an almost confit intensity to the fruits, sweet currant and cranberry, with a touch of white pepper and pressed iris. The palate starts out with an immediately complete style, a fresh and polished substance which shimmers with dark fruits, liquorice, olive, tar and salted black cherries, all of which lies draped over a rich and ripe tannic structure, which provides a beautifully harmonious presence through the end of the palate and into the finish. Such delicious and divine harmony here, with great tannic structure, which builds to a strong crescendo in the midpalate on a second taste, the interplay between the dark tannins and the salted black fruits just glorious, and yet it all feels so fresh and bright. The finish is long and gripped by powdery, polished tannins which linger forever at the end of the palate. The alcohol is 14% on the label. (June 2025)

98/100

VINOUS/ANTONIO GALLONI

The 2022 Léoville Las-Cases is a wine of tremendous substance and pure power. Even with all of its textural intensity, Léoville Las Cases remains wonderfully light on its feet. The 2022 is part of the modern series of Las



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Cases, wines that won't take decades to be at their best. I especially admire its brightness, energy and drive.(January 2025)



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VINUM/ADRIAN VAN VELSEN

Das war für mich En Primeur einer der besten Weine und der Wein hält, was er damals angedeutet hat: ein Duft, der in Sachen Tiefe kaum zu überbieten ist, fast schon Barolo-artige Veilchenaromen, dahinter ein Korb von dunklen Früchten, Kräuter; im Auftakt vollmundig, rund, fast schon zwei Mund voll Wein, die Tannine sind wie aus dem Stein gemeisselt, die Frucht kompakt, alles ist an seinem Platz; der Wein ist bereits jetzt zugänglich, natürlich noch jugendlich, aber grosse Weine sind immer gross. Ein grandioser Las Cases, für eine Ewigkeit gebaut. 2030-2070

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WINE SPECTATOR/JAMES MOLESWORTH

Dark, winey and alluring, this offers a deep well of steeped black currant, blackberry and black cherry paste flavors that are sappy in their intensity. Sweet bay, violet, tobacco and apple wood accents fill in along the way, giving this superb range, while the long, cast iron'edged finish pulls everything to its vanishing point. Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Best from 2027 through 2045. (January 2025)

