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2023



TERROIR

Clos du Marquis, dont le premier millésime est 1902, trouve son origine dans le Petit Clos attenant au Château de Léoville Las Cases, demeure du Marquis de Las Cases. Aujourd'hui, le cœur du terroir du Clos du Marquis est principalement implanté sur le plateau de Saint-Julien à 20 mètres au-dessus du niveau de la mer, bordé de célèbres seconds Crus Classés. Il se situe à 500 mètres à l'Ouest du Grand Enclos de Las Cases. Ces 40 hectares se composent de graves du quaternaire, plus anciennes et plus fines que celles de l'Enclos. En cette zone, le vignoble est composé de podzols humiques sur graves sablo-argileuses. La présence importante de matière organique en surface confère également au Clos du Marquis sa typicité Saint-Julien.

MILLÉSIME 2023

Le millésime 2023 à Saint-Julien a débuté par un débourrement précoce fin mars, suivi d'une croissance rapide de la vigne grâce aux températures élevées de mai et juin. Cela a nécessité une exécution rapide des travaux en vert. L'été, marqué par un temps chaud et des pluies bien réparties, a favorisé une maturation régulière des raisins. Les vendanges de nos Merlots ont commencé sous un beau temps le 9 septembre, suivies de quelques précipitations sans impact sur l'état sanitaire des vignes. La deuxième moitié s'est déroulée de nouveau sous un climat ensoleillé, permettant d'atteindre la parfaite maturité des Cabernets Sauvignons. Ce millésime a nécessité rigueur et précision, mais il a donné naissance à des vins qui expriment avec justesse toute la typicité du terroir de Saint-Julien.

INFORMATIONS TECHNIQUES

Assemblage : 56% Cab. Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 9% Cab. Franc
Date de vendange : Du 6 septembre au 5 octobre 2023
Degré : 13,50 % - Acidité totale 3,98 gH2SO4/l

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NOTES DE DÉGUSTATION

95/100

JAMES SUCKLING

Fresh and floral, showing lilac, mint and light stone aromas that follow through to a medium body with really fine, broad tannins that fan out on the palate. Creamy and textural with lovely fruit and purity. Extremely long and poised. First year made in a new cellar. A blend of 56% cabernet sauvignon, 35% merlot and 9% cabernet franc. Very drinkable now but needs three to four years of bottle aging to come together.

95/100

JEB DUNNUCK

A blend of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, and 9% Cabernet Franc that spent 16 months in 50% new French oak, the 2023 Clos Du Marquis is a bigger, richer wine in the vintage. Its deep purple/plum hue is followed by blockbuster aromatics of blackcurrants, smoke, tobacco, spice, and chocolate. Rich, full-bodied, deep, and layered on the palate, it has ample mid-palate depth, ripe tannins, nicely integrated oak, and a great finish. I love it even today, yet it will benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age and have 30 years of longevity. Drink 2029-2055. (April 2026)

93/100

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER/JEFF LEVE

Espresso, cigar box, blackberries, dark red pit fruits, and flowers fill the perfume. The wine is medium-bodied, refreshing, chewy, and vivid, with a crispness and energy to the salt-edged, currant finish. The wine was made from a blend of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, 9% Cabernet Franc. Drink from 2027-2042. (April 2026)

91/100

THE WINE DOCTOR/CHRIS KISSACK

The blend here is 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, the remainder mostly Merlot and 9% Cabernet Franc. This is fragrant, pure and precise on the palate, with little touches of red cherry, powdered chalk, perfumed red rose petals, with the suggestion of red pepper too. Texturally this is silky and sublime, as focused and linear as the nose suggests, with finely polished fruits and a fresh and mineral perfume, supported by a very fine core of tannins, which

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form a focused spindle of structure in the finish and length. A long but elegant grip seals the deal. This is a delightfully elegant if rather understated Clos du Marquis which should develop well. The alcohol is reported to be 13.5%. 91/100 (December 2025)

93/100

THE WINE PALATE/LISA PERROTTI-BROWN

The 2023 Clos du Marquis is deep garnet-purple in color. It rolls out with expressive notes of fresh blackberries and boysenberries, opening out to hints of menthol, underbrush, and wild sage. The medium-bodied palate delivers exuberant black berry and savory flavors, with fine-grained tannins and an earthy finish. The blend is 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot, and 9% Cabernet Franc. The alcohol is 13.5%.

95/100

VINOUS/ANTONIO GALLONI

The 2023 Clos du Marquis is a standout. Dark, deep and explosive, the 2023 possesses serious mid-palate density and exceptional balance/ Black cherry, plum, new leather, licorice, lavender and hard candy soar from the glass, building into a sweeping crescendo that explodes on the back end. This is one of the finest vintages of Clos du Marquis i can remember tasting. There's striking depth, density and personality. Clos du Marquis is a real sleeper in 2023. (March 2026)

95/100

VINUM/ADRIAN VAN VELSEN

Expressiv, verführerisch, rote und dunkle Beeren, dahinter Zedern, blonde Tabak, Minznoten, darüber florale Töne; am Gaumen fast schon zwei Mundvoll Wein, dabei federleicht, tänzerisch, die Säure verleiht Zug, die Tannine sind markant; im Abgang rotfruchtig, mineralisch und von eindrücklicher Länge. Ein kraftvoller Saint-Julien mit Präzision und Tiefgang.

93/100

WINE SPECTATOR / JAMES MOLESWORTH

This is solid, with cassis and boysenberry puree flavors stitched together with lightly singed apple wood, dried anise and black tea notes. A strong graphite edge drives the finish. There’s no bombast at all, though, just focus and definition. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Best from

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2027 through 2039. (March 2026)

95/100

YVES BECK

Les nuances épicées et fruitées ouvrent la voie à un bouquet invitant, séduisant, réjouissant avec des parfums de myrtilles, de mûres et de cannelle précédant une touche mentholée. Dense en attaque, le vin est porté par des tannins suaves qui se révèlent à partir du milieu de bouche, tandis que l'acidité s'affaire à maintenir le vin sur le droit chemin, question qu'il garde une certaine droiture. Le Clos du Marquis s'en retrouve équilibré, linéaire, frais et tout de même charmant ! Un coureur de fond qui maîtrise le lancer du poids.

94-95/100

ALEXANDRE MA

In a vintage known for its softer profiles, Clos du Marquis stands out with its pronounced muscular contours, depth, and presence. A harmony of sage, Provençal herbs, tamarind, and cinnamon create a loud chant on the palate, while the graphite powder tannins deliver a deep roar at the finish. All of this underscores the aura of a sovereign.

94/100

DECANTER/GEORGINA HINDLE

Great aromatics, fresh and lively but deep and opulent too - ripe blackcurrant and plum with some cool blueberries. Smooth and sumptuous, classy and finessed. A complete wine - this has structure and a certain level of power but with such fine tannins, almost creamy. Layered and complex but effortless in its construction. Really beautifully delivered. Crunchy, but chalky, some minerality and mouthwatering acidity. Brilliant harmony and balance and sense of weight in terms of texture.

94/100

JEAN-MARC QUARIN

Couleur sombre, intense et pourpre. Nez très aromatique, au fruité mûr. Touche de merlot. Minutieux en entrée de bouche, aromatique au milieu, avec une touche de vivacité, le vin fond sur le palais, long, parfumé et séveux. A la réflexion, j'aurais dû demander l'ouverture d'une deuxième bouteille (à cause du côté vif). A regoûter.

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MATTHEW JUKES

After a demure introduction, with a subtle fragrance that grows incrementally on the palate and then picks up momentum the moment you take a sip, thereafter, this wine becomes nothing short of mesmerising. A fair chunk of the vineyards were replanted 15 years ago, and some of these vines are now coming into play. With a new, dedicated cellar with smaller vats, the team can be absolutely precise when picking. With the ability to cool the harvest before fermentation coupled with little pumping because it is all gravity-fed in the winery, Clos du Marquis has found a different level of sophistication. I particularly like the detonation of fruit that happens in the mid-palate, which rolls on for minutes. When I tasted with him, vice-chairman of Domains Delon Jean-Guillaume Prats said, 'Don't reinvent the wheel.' Although I think he just has.

92-95/100

RVF

D'un très grand classicisme, il offre beaucoup d'équilibre, avec un côté très frais dans le fruit et une belle définition de tanins. Un vin brillant, ciselé et salivant en finale.

91-93/100

THE WINE ADVOCATE/WILLIAM KELLEY

The 2023 Clos du Marquis is a rather serious, structured wine, evocative of cherries, dark berries and kirsch, framed by a touch of creamy new oak. Medium to full-bodied and fleshy but structured, it's a taut, concentrated wine that will reward some patience.

91-93/100

VINOUS/NEAL MARTIN

The 2023 Clos du Marquis was picked from September 6 to October 5 at 44hL/ha and matured in 50% new oak. It has a complex bouquet, comprising a mélange of red and black fruit, cedar and subtle touches of violet'very charming. The palate is medium-bodied with fine grip. It's a little creamy in texture on the entry, but there is solid backbone and a saline finish. This is very promising.

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