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TERROIR

The Grand Enclos de Las Cases is blessed with a very complex terroir. Mostly made up of Quaternary gravel on a sandy-gravelly and clayey-gravelly subsoil, we also find clays of varying depths and compactness, sometimes even outcropping. The proximity of the Gironde is responsible for this great diversity of soils, created over the geological periods by successive superimpositions. In addition, the river generates a very specific microclimate which allows the grapes to ripen very early and protects the vineyards from frost.

VINTAGE 2024

The 2024 vintage highlights the resilience of the vines and the dedication of our technical teams in the face of a challenging growing season. A wet winter built up valuable water reserves, followed by a rainy spring that required constant vigilance against mildew. The drier months of July and August allowed the berries to ripen nicely. Harvest was carried out with precision, along with rigorous sorting. The Merlots shine with brightness and richness, while the Cabernets deliver structure, depth, and elegance. 2024 was a vintage that was shaped with care and precision, revealing a full, noble expression of Saint-Julien.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Blend : 62 % Merlot, 34 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 4 % Cabernet Franc
Harvest period : From 30th September to 9th October 2024
Alcohol degree : 12,8 % pH : 3,52 IPT : 63

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TASTING NOTES

91-93/100

ALEXANDRE MA

Just look at how Le Petit Lion shows us what clarity truly means. With a purity and crispness reminiscent of Pinot Noir, it captures your palate effortlessly from the very first sip. Sour plum soup, hawthorn jelly, red plums, iris blossoms... such vibrant, delicate aromas feel anything but from a sun-starved vintage. The acidity in the 2024 vintage is notably high, yet it remains refreshing without ever turning sharp. It harmonizes beautifully with the gentle tannins, striking a perfect balance between ethereal elegance and understated charm.

92/100

DECANTER/GEORGINA HINDLE

Fresh blueberries on the nose, crayon with some inky notes. Crayon, some floral blue flower notes. Sappy and lively, this is lightly framed, sleek in terms of tannin finesse - good focus and direction from start to finish - linear in texture but there's a width of flavour that is really nice, slowly expanding with crunchy red berry fruits and lots of florality too. Super charming and this also has a touch of evocatism if you can believe that. Juicy acidity, clean, taut, just so enjoyable to drink. Really a light tannin touch but filled with energy.

15,5/20

EDITIONS FERET

92-93/100

EXTRAPRIMA/THOMAS BOXBERGER

92/100

FALSTAFF/PETER MOSER

Dark ruby, opaque core, purple reflections, delicate edge brightening. Restrained, delicate nuances of red berries, a hint of currant and orange zest. Fresh and lively, red berries, racy acidity, salty finish, a light footed,

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animating food companion.

93-94/100

JAMESSUCKLING.COM/JAMES SUCKLING

A stony nose with perfumed red berries and flowers and an impressive tannin structure. There is real energy and finesse here despite the lighter year. A very good second wine of Las Cases. Transparent, chalky and etched with minerals. 62% merlot, 34% cabernet sauvignon and 4% cabernet franc.

15,5/20

JANCIS ROBINSON/JAMES LAWTHER

Red-fruit nose. Supple and fleshy on attack but with noted acidity. Fresh and structured but does miss some intensity and volume.

90/100

JANE ANSON

Slim and muscular, juicy, white pepper spice, a little overly austere compared to the wonderful 2022, 2016 and 2010 vintage of this wine, but still a great quality glass that slowly but surely stretches out. and invites you to enjoy. 25% new oak, 3.52 pH, 31 hl/ha, 5.1% press wine. Harvest 30 September to 9 October, Mikaël Georges technical director, 31hl/ha yield. New cellars in operation (as of 2023, all gravity fed, and where 40 tanks now over 100 tanks of differing sizes).

93/100

JEAN-MARC QUARIN

Couleur sombre, intense, aux reflets noirs. Nez très aromatique, fin, fruité et subtil, se développant très parfumé dans le verre. Délicat en entrée de bouche, très aromatique au milieu, avec du goût et une touche vive, le vin file en finale sur une longueur normale. L'élevage le fondra.

88-90/100

JEB DUNNUCK

The 2024 Le Petit Lion shows the more linear, juicy style of the vintage. Cassis, crunchy black cherries, tobacco, and sappy flower notes define the aromatics, and it's medium-bodied, focused, has ripe yet firmer tannins, and a good finish. It's a solid, classic, well-made, satisfying wine.

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90-92/100

LE FIGARO/ELLA LISTER

Un nez grisant, souriant, mêlant petites baies rouges et roses sucrées à une veine fraîche de fleurs, rehaussée d'une touche de feuille de framboisier. En bouche, c'est une véritable bouffée d'air frais : les petits fruits acidulés apportent éclat et légèreté, pour un effet d'une grâce ravissante.

94-95/100

LES ECHOS/BERNARD BURTSCHY

17,5/20

MATTHEW JUKES

Made from young vines in the Enclos, this is a complete change from last year's wine, with Merlot in the lead. Precocious and smooth, the oak and spice wait patiently right until the finish to enter the fray. There is a fondant strawberry and raspberry core here from the mighty Merlot, and it makes this a more forward and flamboyant style of Little Lion.

92/100

TASTETAINMENT/MARKUS DEL MONEGO

Dark purple colour with violet hue. Elegant nose with fine floral character and juicy fruit, aroma reminiscent of ripe blackcurrants and blackcurrant spurs, hints of wisteria in the background. Refined toasting and subtle oak. On the palate well balanced with firm yet ripe tannins and elegant acidity, ripe fruit quoting the nose, medium bodied with good length.

93-95/100

TERRE DE VINS/MATHIEU DOUMENGE

Densité pulpeuse, silhouette fuselée, concentration sur l'énergie sanguine, du sérieux et de la gourmandise.

88-90/100

THE DRINKS BUSINESS/COLIN HAY

Tasted twice, the first time at Chateau Nénin). Glossy, creamy, nutty ' we know immediately we're in St Julien. Light and aerial. A very crisp and finely detailed red berry fruit ' loganberry and raspberry. Simple in its way but very fine. Monotone I suppose but this is about the finesse and the purity

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and clarity of the fruit. The creamy texture is impressive and it helps the palate deal with the slightly elevated acidity. Juicy. Succulent.

86-88/100

THE WINE ADVOCATE/WILLIAM KELLEY

A blend dominated by 62% Merlot, the 2024 Le Petit Lion exhibits aromas of cassis, cherries and cigar box, followed by a medium-bodied, taut but layered palate. It's a solid effort, even if it obviously lacks the plenitude and maturity of the grand vin.

89-91/100

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER/JEFF LEVE

Vibrant, fresh, juicy red currants pop easily. There is a lot of lift, and energy, as well as a strong, refreshing touch of mint in the crisp, crunchy, sweet, and tart, red berry finish. The wine is a blend of 62% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 4% Cabernet Franc. 12.8% ABV. Drink from 2027-2039.

87-89/100

THE WINE DOCTOR/CHRIS KISSACK

This is a selection from the young vines from the Las-Cases vineyards, along with some old Merlot that did not fit with the blend. The yield was 31 hl/ha. This was vinified in the new Delon facilities, allowing for more precision in the fermentations and blending this year. The assemblage is 62% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Cabernet Franc. I like the sense of toast to the fruit on the nose, a pure core threaded with black cherry and raspberry. This precedes a palate of finely delineated summer berries, with a rich and sinewy grip of tannins. A rather smart second wine here, with just a little touch of sap in the finish. It has a little development potential, and the structure which rumbles on into the length will need some time to resolve. The alcohol is 12.8%.

86-88/100

THE WINE INDEPENDENT/LISA PERROTTI-BROWN

Deep garnet-purple colored. Skips out with cheery notes of black raspberries and red currant jelly, opening up to hints of wild sage, pencil lead, and rose oil. The light to medium-bodied palate is crisp and refreshing with lightly chewy tannins and an herbal lift on the finish.

89-91/100

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VINOUS/ANTONIO GALLONI

The 2024 Le Petit Lion is soft, supple and easygoing, all of which make it a fine choice for drinking now and over the next few years. Floral top notes and bright red/purplish fruit are nicely delineated. There's very good balance here. The pliant, creamy finish is quite attractive.

89-91/100

VINOUS/NEAL MARTIN

The 2024 Le Petit Lion was raised for 14 months in 25% new oak barrels. The nose reveals a touch of undergrowth infused with mainly black fruit, as touches of melted tar develop with time. The palate is medium-bodied with insistent grip on the entry, quite fluid and harmonious towards the finish as the expressive Merlot imparts flesh. This is a capable Deuxième Vin.

90-92/100

VINUM/ADRIAN VAN VELSEN

Ouvert, aux arômes de fruits noirs, légèrement fumé, avec une touche de résine de pin et des notes citronnées ; bouche droite, délicate saveur de framboise, tanins fermes, acidité remarquable, bien équilibré, on a envie d'avaler tout de suite ; plaisir de dégustation garanti dès sa mise en marché.

90/100

WEINWISSER/GIUSEPPE LAURIA

Bouquet intense aux délicates notes fumées et de tabac, accompagné de nuances florales. En bouche, une texture ferme et structurée, avec un extrait épicé et une trame tannique serrée. Finale concentrée aux contours juteux de fruits noirs. Garde : 2031 - 2043

17/20

WEINWISSER/TJARK WITZGALL

Bouquet parfumé, délicats contours de fruits rouges, graphite, cardamome. En bouche, une texture soyeuse et juteuse, soutenue par une trame tannique serrée, devenant finement austère. Finale tendue sur les fruits rouges et bleus, le genièvre et une belle minéralité. À déguster entre 2030 et 2045.

WINE SPECTATOR/JAMES MOLESWORTH

The 2024 Château Léoville Las Cases St.-Julien Le Petit Lion is nicely focused, with a tight coil of red currant and cherry coulis lined with iron

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and lilac notes. Its iron notes twang nicely through the brisk finish.

94-96/100

YVES BECK

Belle intensité fruitée avec de l'éclat, respectivement un nez « croquant » qui appelle la fraîcheur. Suave en attaque, le vin est élégant, légèrement crémeux et porté par des tannins veloutés et puissants qui offrent une base solide dans un contexte presque rond ! Un vin qui annonce du caractère, du charme et de l'élégance sur un fond de vigueur et de tempérament. 2029-2049



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