



CHÂTEAU LE DOYENNÉ

2003

It is the summer of the heat wave, with extreme temperatures up to 43 degrees on August 11; we fortunately just inaugurated the air-conditioning of breeding and storage storehouses!

The parcels of old merlot vines on the gravelly plateau suffered much from the heat, the bunches are roasted. The merlots on the slopes resisted better, as the cabernets sauvignon, but the yields are very low. Some parcels reached record degrees.

The harvest is very early, beginning on September 12 with the merlot and finishing on September 19 with the cabernet sauvignon.

The final yield on the whole estate is 19 hectolitres per hectare.

The blending of 2003 is 60 % Merlot, 35 % cabernet sauvignon, 5 % cabernet franc.

The higher percentage of cabernet sauvignon in the blending brings power and some flavours of candied fruits. Tannins are still present and silky. Can wait 2 to 3 years.



Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

Medium red. High-toned aroma of cherry liqueur. Sweet, spicy and moderately dense, with cherry and raspberry flavors framed by sound acidity. Finishes firmly tannic and aromatic, with good length 86-88 points

In Vino Veritas

Nez: gourmand- beaucoup de fruits, mûres, cassis, boisé exotique, poivre. Belle bouche pleine et ferme de très bon volume – structure affirmée mais sans excès- bon fruit de bouche, fraises surmûries. Bonne tenue, bonne longueur, finale sur les tannins et notes crémeuses

Vino Magazine

Sélectionné dans le marathon de la dégustation des primeurs. « Nous avons aimé »

Wine Spectator

Some cooked fruit with berries. Medium-bodied with light tannins and simple finish. 80-84