



# CHÂTEAU LE DOYENNÉ

# 2005

Vintage 2005 reveals an exceptional quality of the grapes thanks to an ideal weather for maturation.

An early dryness made it possible the vine to envisage its hydric reserves, high temperature during the day with cool nights and a continual soft wind contributed to concentrate bays.

This year is a perfect balance between sugars, tannins and acidity witch give a rich wine to suave tannins, fine red fruit and current flavors and a delicate finale.

The ageing in 50% new barrels and 50% one year barrel during 18 months brings it well-balance and elegance with coffee and vanilla flavors and full body.

## Blend 2005

80 % Merlot – 15 % cabernet sauvignon - 5 % cabernet franc



### **WINE ADVOCATE Robert PARKER 88-90**

*A super sleeper of the vintage, like its predecessors, the 2005 Le Doyenne is a well-made (Michel Rolland is the consultant) blend of 70 % Merlot and 30% Cabernet and Cabernet Sauvignon. Its exhibits sexy aromatics, superb fruit, medium body, velvety tannin, loads of glycerin, and elevated alcohol (13%+) Available for a song, this lovely offering should drink well for 5-6 years –*

### **Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar 89-91**

*Deep-red. Liqueur-like aromas of cheery and coffee. Fat, sweet and pliant, with a layered texture. This really spreads out to saturate the palate. Finishes with dusty, ripe tannins and a distinctly round expression. This may well merit an outstanding rating if its final weeks of elevage bring more definition.*

### **Markus del Monego notes**

*Deep red purple . Ripe fruit nose with complex of figs and blackcurrant. Elevated alcohol brings power to the wine, flavors of Melissa, good structure, a little dominated by alcohol. The delicate vanilla perfumes continue with the palate, tannins are round, medium-body. Miss a little freshness in final. 16*

### **Wine Spectator 86**