



CHÂTEAU LE DOYENNÉ

2006



Appellation : Premières Côtes de Bordeaux

The 8 hectares vineyard, half of which dates back to the early 1960's, is planted at a high density of 5.500 to 6.200 vines per hectare.

A portion sits atop a gravel plateau while the rest is on steep clay and limestone. The south-south exposure ensures a maximum amount of sunshine

Encepagement : 70 % Merlot, 20 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 10 % Cabernet Franc

Hand harvesting: then the different parcels are vinified in small stainless temperature control vats.

Ageing . in French oak barrels (35% new barrels) during 14 months and 3 months in vats before bottling. No fining, no filtration. .

The wines are stored in an air-conditioned building

Blending 2006 75% Merlot, 15 % cabernet sauvignon, 10 % cabernet franc

Oenologist : Michel ROLLAND

Tasting notes

International Wine Cellar – Stephen Tanzer ” 86-89 points

2006 “Ruby-red.Sweet aromas of black raspberry and licorice, lifted by notes of wild herbs, wintermint and flowers. Rather silky and suave, with a restrained sweetness to the black cherry and licorice flavors. Subtle, juicy wine

Wine Advocate Robert Parker 87

Consistently one of the shrewd value picks for consumers looking for a very good Bordeaux at a bargain basement price, this blend of 75% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Francs shows sweet currant fruit intermixed with tobacco lead, Christmas fruit cake, and spice box characteristics. An attractive texture, sweet tannin, and a medium-bodied finish suggest it should be consumed over the next 4-5 years. Good value.

Wine Spectator – 84

Jacques Dupont – Le Point 14

Mûre, boisé plus marqué mais plus franc, puissant, tannique, peu de fruits mais bonne structure -

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« Rubis très foncé. Au nez, peu de fruits mais des épices- Au palais, un vin bien structuré, équilibré et gourmand avec de beaux fruits, pas très puissant. Une finale délicate au goût de framboise assez brève».

Grand Jury Européen : Blind tasting 86