



CHÂTEAU LE DOYENNÉ

2008



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: the different parcels are vinified in small stainless –steel temperature control vats.

Ageing . in French oak barrels (40% new barrels each year) during 16 months and 3 months in vats before bottling. No fining, no filtration. .

The wines are stored in an air-conditioned building

Blending 2008 85% Merlot, 10 % Cabernet sauvignon, 5 % Cabernet franc

Oenologist : Michel ROLLAND

Wine Advocate Robert Parker 88/90

A consumer friendly effort made from Merlot 85% and 15 % Cabernet Sauvignon by the remarkable Michel Rolland, the 2008's yields were amazingly low 25 hectoliters per hectare. The wine exhibits a deep ruby/purple color, a sweet perfume of spring flowers, blue and black fruits with a hint of raspberries, a lovely texture, sweet tannins, and surprising density. Drink it over the next 4-5 years. It is a sleeper of the vintage.

Wine Spectator – 88

Solid, delivering racy plum and anise notes laced with lots of violet and graphite, too. Nice minerality holds the finish together. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.

Periodic revue of Wine – Alan Duran

A charming effort with upside potential. It exposes a deep, opaque purple color along with crushed moist-stone, blueberry extract and crème de vanilla aromas. Tasty, well-made, and full of depth with its medium-body, finessed style, and plum/berry infused flavor. A wine "bargain hunters "should take note of this vintage

Revue Tast – Betanne et Desseauve 2008

La bouche bien construite possède des tannins pulpeux précis avec une suavité rafraîchissante

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Commandé par une Chartreuse entourée d'un parc, ce cru bénéficie d'un terroir bien exposé. Il a su en tirer parti dans ce millésime, comme le montre ce vin drapé dans une robe brillante et intense. Bien soutenu par le bois, le bouquet joue sur les notes fruitées et animales, tandis qu'au palais se développe une bonne charpente appuyée sur des tanins friands. A ouvrir dans deux ans sur un magret de canard.