



# CHÂTEAU LE DOYENNÉ

## 2010



**Appellation** : Côtes de Bordeaux

The vineyard extends on 20 acres, 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 of clay and limestone. The south-south exposure ensures a maximum amount of sunshine;

**Planted grape varieties:** 70 % Merlot, 20 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 10 % Cabernet Franc

**Hand harvesting:** the different parcels are vinified in small stainless-steel vats, with own temperature control

**Ageing** in French oak barrels (50% new barrels) during 12 months and 3 months in vats before bottling.

No fining, no filtration. .

The wines are stored in an air-conditioned building

**Blending 2010** - 85% Merlot, 10 % Cabernet sauvignon, 5 % Cabernet franc

**Oenologist** : Michel ROLLAND

### **Wine Advocate – Robert Parker - 87-88**

*"Michel Rolland who has been the consultant here for well over a decade, consistently produces a well-made, attractive Le Doyenne. Composed of 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Cabernet Franc, the 2010 reveals scents of coffee beans, jammy berries and black currant fruit, a healthy color and silky tannins. A **sleepers of the vintage**, it offers a delicious introduction to Bordeaux that can be consumed over the next 2-3 years. "*

### **Wine Advocate – Robert Parker –87**

*"Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered from a blend of 85% Merlot and the rest Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, the wine displays very little if any oak. It offers up loads of cedary black currant and kirsch-like fruit, with hints of licorice and spice box. There even a fruitcake sort of character to this delicious, supple mid-weight wine. It should be drunk over the next several years.*

***A consistent winner year in and year out**, this inexpensive generic Bordeaux is made under the consultancy of Michel Rolland"*

### **Club du vin Le Figaro – Bernard Burtschy – 13.5**

*Dark colour. Nose of blackberry. Soft mouth, medium-body "*

### **James Suckling - – 86-87**

*"Soft and easy on superb strawberry notes with round tannins"*

### **Weinwelt – 89**

*"Nose of malt and spices. Many fruits, cherries and red berries. Wood still present, but will subside a little. Wait some time for drinking. "*