



CHÂTEAU LE DOYENNÉ

2012



Appellation : Côtes de Bordeaux

The vineyard extends on 8 hectares, planted in high density : 5500 à 6200 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;

Encépagement : 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 (30% new barrels) during 16 months

Blending 2012 - 85% Merlot, 10 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 5 % Cabernet Franc

No fining, the wine is bottled at chateau and stored in an air-conditioned building

Oenologist : - Michel ROLLAND

The Wine Advocate – Robert Parker- 88 (Apr 2015)

A perennial best-buy, high quality pick in the Wine Advocate, the 2012 Le Doyenné is a beauty. Deep ruby/purple, with sweet black cheery and black currant fruit, a broad, expansive mouthfeel and lots of plumpness and succulence, this delicious, richly fruity and exuberant style of wine that represents a major over-achiever and a sleeper of the vintage. Drink it over the next 3-4 years.

The Wine Advocate – Robert Parker- 86-88

Abundant aromas of black currants, black cherries, cedar, loamy soil and herbs emerge from this medium-bodied, soft, accessible 2012. Drink it over the next 3-4 years. Always a reliable choice for shrewd consumers to maximize their purchasing power.

Decanter - 16 (Recommended)

Lovely dark purple in color, firm fruits, evident tannins, clearly ambition for ageing. 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, aged in barrels with 25% new oak. A high 14%abv and you can feel it. Interesting through, real potential. Carafe well before drinking. Drink 2015-2019.

The Wine Patriot - 86-87 - Cassis, mouth full, final dense.

Falstaff Magazin –Château Le Doyenné – 86-88

Wine Enthusiast – 88

Ripe and juicy, this attractive offering from winemaker Marie-Dominique Watrin has a rich seam of blackberry fruits and balanced acidity. The aftertaste with his fresh character shows that the wine is nearly ready to drink: enjoy from the end of 2016. The 20 acres of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc vines are hand-picked; no herbicides are used.



Bettane & Desseauve - 15.5- 16

Soft tannins, elegant, beautiful fine depth, with fruit, good freshness.

Un vin presque parfait - Wine Guide 2015

Ruby red, clear and bright, with notes of coffee and dark fruits like black currant. The mouth is on power, with rich tannins

Hachette Guide 2016

Ruby red highlights, the dress draws the eye. More discreet, the bouquet is none the less interesting and pleasant by its red fruit aromas and spice. Well-structured in the mouth, without being powerful, offering a pleasant roundness, it can be enjoyed young.

Hubert Guide 2016 *****

Nose very elegant, floral and mineral notes that perfectly accompany the pretty fruit, dense palate with a deep attack, tight and bold tannins, intense aromas, a long, fresh finish. Potential.