

CHATEAU
LARCIS DUCASSE
1^{er} Grand Cru Classé
SAINT-EMILION

2024

PRESS REVIEW – REVUE DE PRESSE

PRIMEUR TASTINGS - DEGUSTATIONS PRIMEURS EN BOUTEILLE :

Yves Beck

98-100/100

“Le bouquet de Larcis Ducasse se pose avec sérénité et même noblesse. D’entrée, il affiche de la profondeur, de la subtilité, de manière très ordonnée. Invitantes nuances de sureau, de baies rouges, de poivre, de fèves de cacao, de notes terreuses et puis, finalement, de menthe. En bouche, le vin bénéficie du précieux appui de ses tannins qui se révèlent lentement et tardivement pour de plus en plus gagner en intensité, en pertinence. Pour une fois qu’être tardif aide à se placer tout devant ! C’est exactement là qu’ils créent le lien avec le côté incisif de l’acidité. Cette dernière leur prête non seulement main forte, mais ouvre la voie à la fraîcheur et aux fins amers consolidant l’expression et la persistance de la finale. Un vin qui émet un droit de réserve, soit celui de ne montrer qu’une partie de ses aptitudes en assumant qu’il y en a déjà bien assez pour le positionner parmi les très grands vins de Bordeaux. Un Larcis Ducasse dense dont les tannins aux grains fins sauront le mener vers les sphères du Hall of Fame de 2024. Il brille de sa subtilité, de sa sérénité et de son aptitude à être puissant sans démonstration. Être Larcis-Ducasse suffit largement ”2029-2064 - **Yves Beck**, yvesbeck.wine

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Antonio Galloni
vinous

94-97/100

“The 2024 Larcis Ducasse is dense, powerful and imposing, almost surprisingly so. All of the wine's intensity is in the mid-palate. Black cherry, plum, mocha, lavender, chocolate and cinnamon meld together in the glass, but it is the wine's mind-blowing balance that stands out most. This is another stellar showing from Larcis Ducasse. There's real potential here. Tasted four times.” - **Antonio Galloni, Vinous**

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“The 2024 vintage of Château Larcis Ducasse does not try to flaunt power or structure, nor does it force concentration in a high-acid year. Instead, it follows a gentler path, one that still carries tension: built on ripeness, shaped by fine-grained structure, and adorned with the imprint of limestone powder. The result feels like a moonlit sketch – gentle, silent, yet impossible to ignore. Blueberry and cherry notes shine with crystalline purity, while hints of licorice and cinnamon add measured details. What lingered with me most was a hint of matsutake mushroom, rising slowly after a swirl, it lends the wine a whisper of woodland soul, casting a veil of rising smoke that drifts and lingers like a secret in the air. David told me that this year, 95% of the slope-grown grapes went into the grand vin, compared to 85% before.” - Alexandre MA, alexandrema.com

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“Frankreich, Bordeaux Strahlendes Rubinrot und mit grosser Komplexität im Duft, subtile Röstnoten, kühler Ausdruck, florale Noten, Koriandersamen, deutlich mineralisch geprägt, viel Tiefgang; der Gaumen ist cremig im Auftakt, dann wird der Wein schlanker, baut jedoch Druck auf, feine Textur, delikate, perfekt reife Frucht, die Tannine begleiten den Wein vom Anfang bis zum Ende, sie sind stets präsent, dominieren nie, sehr langer, rotfruchtiger Abgang. Ein Wein von tänzerischer Eleganz und mit sehr langem Abgang. Hervorragend gelungen, gehört zum Besten, was das rechte Ufer dieses Jahr produziert hat.” - Adrian Van Velsen, Vinum

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“The wonderful blue clay in the terroir plays a crucial role here as does the Southern exposure on the Côte Pavie. Very pretty and very refined, much more so than it used to be, this is poised and elegant, cool-scented and intense in its combination of incense and violet, rose petal and myrrh accompanying and enrobing and enriching as it does so the intensely dark berry fruits. There’s graphite by the nuclear reactor core load. But everything here is so refined. There’s cedar on the palate, too, above all with gentle aeration in the mouth. Gorgeous aromatically and brilliant in its purity, this is a wine that almost brings a tear to my eye. This transcends the vintage and shows the colossal potential of this exceptional terroir. The gentle grip and structuring touch of the calcaire tannins as the wine caresses the palate is sublime.”- Colin Hay, The Drink Business

WEINWISSE

19,5+/20

“2024 Larcis-Ducasse: 85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc, 41 hl/ha, alcohol 13.5% vol. Seductive bouquet, wild cherry, beguiling iris scent, and red currant nectar. On the cascading palate, a silky feminine texture, vibrant character, and a dancing body. In the catapult-like, never-ending finish, cranberry, noble saline notes, and harmonious astringency. For me, this St. Émilien heralds a new era, and in this vintage, too. It could achieve its highest rating at its perfect drinking maturity. "Pavie is on the Côte Larcis," says David with a twinkle in his eye. “ Drinking window : 2030 – 2058 - **Tjark Witzgall, WeinWisser**

tastingbook

95/100

“Dark purple colour with violet hue. Fine nose with closed character, opens up slowly, rather restrained fruit, dark berries and hints of black stone fruit, discreet spiciness and fine toasting in the background. On the palate ripe yet firm tannins, well-structured with restrained fruit and subtle oak, convincing length.” - **Markus Del Monego, Tastingnotbook.com**

JANE ANSON INSIDE BORDEAUX

94/100

“Good grip, plenty of character and depth through the palate, freshly cut herbs, blueberry and blackcurrant, savoury with floral character. Harvest 24 September to 7 October. 50% new oak, Gratiot-Attmane family.” - **Jane Anson Inside Bordeaux, janeanson.com**

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

93-95/100

“Flowers, black raspberries, licorice, and a tiny hint of espresso create the perfume. Medium-bodied, fresh, mineral-driven cherries, red plums, cocoa, and spices provide an upbeat, vibrant, refined wine with a refreshing touch of salty-mints that comes in at the back of the long finish. There is purity, length, and energy in the finish that you easily sense as it lingers. The wine blends 85% Merlot with 15% Cabernet Franc. 13.4% ABV.” Drink from 2028-2045 - **Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider**



92-94/100

"The 2024 Larcis Ducasse was showing well during our tasting, revealing ripe, expressive aromas of violet, dark berries, smoke, pencil lead and subtle oak. Medium to full-bodied, layered and seamless, it is both lively and elegant with a juicy core of fruit and velvety tannins that gently assert themselves on the youthfully chalky finish. The fruit appears perfectly ripe—avoiding the over-ripeness observed in some recent vintages—allowing the wine to convey the character of its limestone terroir. The blend is composed of 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc." Drink Date: 2026 – 2040 - **Yohan Castaing, The Wine Advocate**



WINEDOCTOR

90-92/100

"Château Larcis Ducasse (St Emilion) 2024: The harvest here began on September 24th, finishing October 7th, and the yield was 41 hl/ha, with rigorous sorting, by hand and by densitometry. "Only densitometry worked in this vintage," says manager David Suire. It has the modest density of the vintage, but the pigments feel rather dark. The aromatics are dry but fragrant and enticing, with a little confit red cherry, blackberry and crushed limestone mineral. The palate is savoury and correct, with a polished and modestly textured substance, showing a very dry and reserved midpalate, supported by a rather dense frame of nicely integrated, tight-knit tannins. This one shows the more robust side of the vintage, with darker fruit but also rather punchy structure, before a finish of dry and peppery grip. This has promise. Tasted twice. The alcohol is 13.4%." - **Chris Kissack, Winedoctor.com**



90-92/100

"The 2024 Larcis Ducasse offers strawberry and raspberry pastilles intermixed with vanilla on the nose, quite expressive even if it lacks a bit of complexity compared to the best vintages. The palate is medium-bodied with slightly "thick" tannins that lend a bit more grip. The 2024 is a solid Saint-Émilion that lacks a bit of finesse but has flavour and density. It could come around if given a prudent élevage." Drinking Window: 2028 – 2042 - **Neal Martin, Vinous**



“Issu en grande majorité des argiles blanches (95%) de la Côte, ce 2024 est une merveille d'élégance. Bouche fondante, tanins poudrés, juste maturité et longueur saline, tout sonne juste dans ce vin tactile et "calcaire". De plus en plus précis, Larcis Ducasse est l'une des grandes réussites du millésime.” **Olivier Borneuf, La Tulipe Rouge**

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“Robe sombre avec de magnifiques arômes de fruits noirs, de violette et de pétales de rose. Le vin est très élégant, tout en longueur, sans beaucoup de puissance, mais très harmonieux, d'une grande classe. Une réussite époustouflante qui s'inscrit dans le grand "vin de côtes" par excellence qui figure parmi les meilleurs vins de Bordeaux.” - **Bernard Burtschy, Les Echos**