

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

98-99

“A full-bodied red that’s powerful, very rich and very deep. Floral and spicy with dried fruit, earth, tobacco and mushrooms. Dense center palate. Great depth. Traditional.”
James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, juin 2020

97-98

« Larcis Ducasse ne cesse de gagner en précision et en finesse. Le terroir est là, on le sait, mais les vins ne cessent de progresser en définition. Puissance contenue, fraîcheur, notes florales, bouche au profil traçant, ciselé, sur une pureté très calcaire. Le fruit est croquant et juteux, la matière est tonique, la finale crayeuse et saline. **Quelle subtilité.** »
Mathieu Doumenge, Terre de Vins, juin 2020

97-98

« **Superbe aromatique**, fruits frais, fraîcheur, de belles notes de mure, myrtille, un peu floral également. Tension, délicatesse, une finesse d’ensemble soutenue par un terroir calcaire magnifique. **Un Larcis Ducasse dans la tension, la précision, le côté cristallin.** Graphite en finale, un peu réglisse. **Très racé.** Potentiel de garde important. »
Yohan Castaing, Anthocyanes, juin 2020

95-97

“The 2019 Larcis Ducasse is deep purple in colour. The bouquet is opulent and ravishing with precocious dark cherry, cassis and crushed violet aromas that seem to envelop the senses, «hug them into submissions!» The palate is medium-bodied with supple tannins that manage to exert good grip, though you only notice that after the wine has exited. Great depth, touches of ash and black pepper infusing the black fruit with unerring balance on the finish. **This is an outstanding Saint-Émilion with 30-40 years of pleasure to give.**”
Neal Martin, Vinous, juin 2020

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« Déjà très harmonieux, il montre **une très grande finesse**, de la délicatesse et de la distinction, des tanins soyeux. »
Valérie Faust, Le Figaro Vin, juin 2020

97-99

« Pourpre violacé. Le bouquet de Larcis se révèle avec subtilité, d’une manière très ordonnée, en commençant par afficher son identité. Il est agréablement fruité au travers de notes de baies rouges et de cerises et puis, bien entendu, marqué par des notes crayeuses et, finalement une touche de bois de réglisse. Il y a beaucoup de délicatesse dans ce bouquet. En bouche, le vin est à l’image du nez ; il se révèle tout en finesse mais en affichant clairement ses ambitions ; il est **friand, crémeux, ample et racé.** Que d’énergie et quelle notion de force tranquille. Les tannins sont porteurs, assez serrés et en phase avec une structure aiguisée, éclatante. Que de grandeur, contenue et sereine. **C’est un très grand Larcis-Ducasse.** »
Yves Beck, Beckustator, juin 2020

95-97

“Coming from an incredible terroir on the Côte Pavie, which is a south-facing hillside of clay and limestone soils, the 2019 Château Larcis Ducasse sports a deep purple color as well as classic Saint-Emilion minerality in its chocolatey dark fruits, scorched earth, camphor, and tobacco aromas and flavors. **This rich, full-bodied effort shows the more elegant, supple style of the vintage**, yet it still has building tannins, a stacked mid-palate, and a great finish. It’s certainly in the same ballpark as the 2015 and 2016, and while a few years of bottle age will do it well, it should be relatively accessible in its youth.”

Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, juin 2020

95-97

“**Like walking into a flower market** with cherries and plums all over the floor, the wine is fresh, silky, long and stony. The salty tannins are ripe, long and there is a fabulous oceanic note in the finish that carries. Not as powerful as the 2018, but there is perhaps better purity and a more approachable, sensuous style. Made from blending 88% Merlot with 12% Cabernet Franc. The harvest took place September 25 to October 7.”

Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider, juin 2020

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“Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Very appealing nose with aroma reminiscent of ripe dark berries and stone fruit. Discreet spiciness and almost flowery hints in the background. On the palate, **freshness and finesse go hand in hand, very elegant fruit, ripe tannins, excellent length.**”

Markus del Monego MW, mai 2020

97-98+

“Deep and healthy looking; opaque at centre; legs; lovely caressing ripe black fruits; voluptuous plum and black cherry fruit; wild strawberry hints; super deep and pure; love this; little tar and asphalt beneath; cassis; sweet entry to the fruit; lovely purity and freshness; with lovely tannins; **texture is wonderful and the depth is impressive**; more power here than 2016 or perhaps it is simply more evident; initially tauter than 2018 [obviously a different creature entirely] but **this is beautiful and pure St Emilion**; some chocolate finish and warmth on the end; brilliant stuff.”

Jeremy Williams, Wine, words and videotape, juin 2020

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“**This is intense**, pretty austere as is often the case with a young Larcis Ducasse, and very much with Cabernet fruits dominant even though they are 12% of the blend (it is rather that the Merlot on these limestone soils takes on a depth and seriousness that makes it almost Left Bank in feel). Opens up to reveal fleshy cassis and blackberry. A yield of 38.5hl/ha. Owned by Famille Gratiot-Attmane, but with the Nicolas Thienpont team overseeing winemaking. Tasted twice, one week apart.”

Jane Anson, Decanter, juin 2020