



Vineyard

2012: Larcis Ducasse is promoted Premier Grand Cru Classé in the classification of the wines of Saint-Emilion.

In the vineyard, 2014 made us fear the worst... with a very happy ending. Benefitting from the exceptional location of the Côte Pavie might not be enough. How can we give some “sun” back to a grapevine during this wet and cool summer? By working the soil appropriately, and mostly, by our spectacular decision not to trim the vine! Tried out successfully in 2013, the trellising of the vineyard, was extended this year.

In the cellar our ageing is more subtle, calm and smooth, giving the wine time to grow steadily, to blossom, and to openly express its terroir... Hence the 500l barrels are now an integral part of our cellar, to accompany the more elegant batches.

Terroir : plateau of clay-chalk on asteriated limestone subsoil (10%), south-exposed terraces : very superficial clay-lime soil on asteriated limestone subsoil (55%), clay-chalk colluvial soil on the side of the slope (35%)

Area : 11,15 ha (9,95 ha in production)

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CHATEAU LARCIS DUCASSE

Saint-Emilion Premier Grand Cru Classé

2014 Vintage

Harvest : Merlot on October 1st, 4th, 7th, 8th, 10th and 14th
Cabernet Franc on October 8th, 10th and 14th

Yield : 37,50 hL/ha (62,7% of grand vin)

Production : 28 000 bottles

Blend : 85% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc

93-96/100

« The 2014 Larcis Ducasse is superb. Beautifully layered and exquisite in the glass, the 2014 stands out for its exceptional polish and finesse. Sweet red cherry, red currant, rose petal and cinnamon are all laced together in a highly expressive, silky St.-Emilion built on nuance and precision. Super-finessed, silky tannins contribute to the wine's overall feeling of total sophistication. Over time, the 2014 gains weight and breadth, pointing to a very bright future. There is so much to like here. (...) »
Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*

94-95 /100

« Grand vin onctueux, profond et énergique. Tannin parfait, volume complet, un futur classique. Un grand du millésime. »
Bettane + Desseauve

92-95/100

« Features cherry, creamed strawberry and red licorice notes that seem almost too easy at first, but then the back half kicks in, with a chalky spine and extra energy. Pure and long. »
James Molesworth, *Wine Spectator*

17.75/20

« (...) Expressive, dark fruit-cassis aroma and flavour. Powerful but refined tannins matched by abundant fruit. Fresh and poised. Lovely length and precision. Delicious. Drink: 2020-2035. »
James Lawther MW, *Decanter*

91-93/100 : Neal Martin
93-94/100 : James Suckling

93-94/100 : Jeff Leve
91-93+/100 : Jeremy Williams

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