

TASTING NOTES
Château La Dominique
Saint Emilion Grand Cru Classé
Primeurs 2016

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LA DOMINIQUE



GRAND CRU CLASSÉ
SAINT-ÉMILION

**bettane +
desseauve**

96-97

Very brilliant fruit, ultra refined tannins, great freshness, delicate and elegant, remarkably well made.

Decanter

Jane Anson

94

Restrained and elegant on the attack, this has plenty of dense, dark black fruit to back it up. The palate opens to show complexity and intensity of fruit, and totally delivers on its opulent and silky billing, with lovely touches of spice to pick up the finish. Well constructed.

Jeff Leve

93-95

With a floral nose that is complicated by incense, black raspberry and vanilla, this wine shows a nice, deep color. On the palate, the wine bursts with fertile, sweet, luscious, dark red fruits, ripe, opulent tannins and a fruit filled, spicy finish.

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93-94

Layered and juicy with lots of ripe fruit and soft tannins. Decadent and generous. Lots going on here.

 **ASIAN PALATE**
JEANNIE CHO LEE MW

Jeannie Cho Lee

93

Suave tannins and red plummy fruit meet in this voluptuous red wine. There are sweet red plums, cassis and cedar notes on the mid palate with supple, ripe tannins. Nice depth, solid modern-style St Emilion red (not extracted) from a great vintage.

 **WINE ENTHUSIAST**
MAGAZINE

92-94

This wine is impressive in both structure and ripe, generous fruits. It is solid, with good potential for aging, though the dark tannins suggest that it will develop slowly.

Yves Beck

92-93

Purple blue. Intense, complex bouquet, revealing black fruit and liquorice stick aromas. When you aerate it, it also has a redcurrant overtone and a touch of dry herbs. Silky and fruity attack. The body is creamy, balanced and provided with tannins which slowly reveal themselves in the final. The structure stays in the background and is in harmony with the tannins. An elegant wine which can be tasted even in its youth.

**Tim
Atkin** MW

92

Neal Martin

91-93

The 2016 La Dominique was tasted on several occasions. Deep in color, it has a blackberry and bilberry-scented bouquet, a touch of oyster shell developing in the glass. There is intensity here, but it is tightly coiled. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp tannin, showing more freshness at the Rolland Laboratory tasting than elsewhere, a dash of spice with a structured, saline finish. This was more promising than recent vintages that I have tasted and hopefully augurs for what is in bottle.

Wine Spectator
James Molesworth

90-93

This has a piercing spearmint streak amid the core of plum and blackberry fruit, with racy acidity buried on the finish. It's vibrant and enticing, but needs to fill out a bit more on the back end.

Antonio Galloni

90-93

The 2016 La Dominique is powerful, dense and explosive. Mocha, plum, lavender, sweet spice and menthol are some of the many notes that flesh out in the glass. Exotically ripe and voluptuous, but not at all heavy, the 2016 possesses superb balance and integration of all of its elements. The style leans on overt ripeness and density. Readers should expect a decidedly concentrated, rich Saint-Émilion.

*Janis
Roinson*

17

Dark purple. Some peppery freshness on the nose. Fully ripe fruit. Real focus, length and integrity to this wine. Nothing out of balance. Straight for the tasting jugular. Long.

Yohan Castaing
Anthocyanes
Gault & Millau
L'Express

17-18,5

Spicy nose, lots of black fruit with a graphity touch. Elegant, a little bit of uprightness but above all some finesse and freshness. A beautiful bottle budding.



17-18

This is an inky-dark, glossy wine, with a rich, deep pigment. The fruit on the nose is explosive, all toasted blackcurrant, with dark seams of black olive and currant, yet lifted by fragrant rose-petal and peony scents, with a little toffee oak fading into the background. It has a fresh, pure, creamed-fruit palate, and yet despite this evident richness and concentration it is bright, fresh and lifted, with lovely dark, savoury fruit complexity, ripe tannins and incisive acidity. This is really fabulous, so correct, so balanced, yet exciting, and so long as well, the finish filled out but not controlled by the ripe tannin. This is one of the best wines from La Dominique I have tasted



17

The best ever done! Dark, intense, lovely and deep colour. Intense, delicate, fruity, ripe nose. Rich mouth on the attack, then smooth, especially fruity in the middle with real taste. The wine grows on a delicate touch and melts the finale. It has a long final, infinitely delicate, tasty and sapid. A success!



16,5-17

Woody, raspberry, lively palate, fruity, very raspberry-like, fresh, sinewy, crispy tannins, fresh red fruit on the finale.



16-16,5

A bending is perceptible in this grand cru's style, a direct neighbour of Cheval Blanc: more finesse in the grain, a more nuanced and crispy expression. This wine is really fleshy, always on the black fruit; the mouth tightens considerably on a lively, almost cheerful finale.



16,5-17

Efforts done in La Dominique become more and more apparent, vintage after vintage. This 2016 cru is very seductive : slight blackcurrant, touch of liquorice and menthol, onctuous, clear juice, firm but elegant tannins, a salivating finale. The cabernets bring some additional freshness. It must decidedly be followed !