

Château Lanessian 2008

CSPC# 742347

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

SOLD OUT

Grape Variety

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot

Appellation

Haut-Médoc

General Info

Château Lanessian is a Bordeaux wine estate in the Haut-Médoc appellation. It describes itself as Grand Cru Hors Classé and this refers to the fact that one of the previous owners felt it unnecessary to submit samples for the 1855 Classification and consequently its traditional ranking as a 4ème Cru Classé was never ratified. Lanessian is managed by G.F.A des Domaines Bouteiller and in 2009 Paz Espejo took over the management of the estate and the vineyards from Hubert Bouteiller. The chateau has a reputation for producing Cru Classé standard wines at Cru Bourgeois prices. Lanessian is located just to the south of Gruaud-Larose in the commune of Cussac-Fort-Médoc and has 40 hectares of vineyards. The blend is predominately Cabernet Sauvignon based and is aged in oak barrels for 18 months. The Lanessian vineyard has belonged to a succession of eight generations of the Bouteiller family since the 18th century. A young woman, Paz Espejo, took over the management of Château Lanessian from Hubert Bouteiller in August 2009. This change is a result of the Bouteiller family's stated ambition to inject new life into this fine property.

Vineyards

32 hectares (79 acres) of vineyards are planted with 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot. The soil is deep Garonne gravel. Average vine age is 30 years

Harvest

The fruit is harvested by machine at optimal ripeness and screened on a sorting table. The wine is made in coated concrete tanks with temperature regulation. The techniques used, the vatting period, rack and return and pumping over are adapted to the vintage and the characteristics of the fruit.

Maturation

Aged 12 months in French oak: 1/3 new, 1/3 one-year-old and 1/3 two-year-old barrels.

Tasting Notes

Château Lanessian is a true bargain in the Bordeaux world. Lanessian produces wines that at first seem firm but flesh out with marvelous fruit with good richness. Lanessian is also a very consistent producer, creating wines of quality from questionable vintages. The 2008 wasn't one of those with an ample sunshine to ripen the fruit fully to produce a wine of immediate enjoyment. Complex, subtle bouquet. Lovely mouthfeel with fleshy tannins and a persistent finish. Good ageing potential.

Cellaring

Drink 2012-2019

Scores/Awards

87 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #194 - May 2011

88-90 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #182 - April 2009

86 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - March 2012

85-87 points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2009

Reviews

"An evolved perfume of roasted herbs, black currants, underbrush and forest floor is followed by an attractive, supple-textured, medium-bodied wine with very good fruit and purity. Drink it over the next 5-8 years."
- RP, Wine Advocate

"A wine to search out for value as well as essentially classified growth quality, this sleeper of the vintage offers copious quantities of creme de cassis, new saddle leather, and spice box aromas, a medium to full-bodied, concentrated style, ripe tannin, and good freshness and purity. Drink it over the next 15+ years. Drink 2009-2024"

- RP, Wine Advocate

"Tasted ex-chateau and single blind in Southwold. The nose on the Lanessian 2008 has good lift with high-toned blackberry, raspberry and red cherry aromas, and fine delineation with joie de vivre. The palate is medium bodied with fine tannins, although it sags in the mid-palate and drifts away towards the rustic finish.

"Workmanlike". Tasted January 2012."

- NM, Wine Journal



Reviews *“En primeur barrel sample. Moderate intensity on the nose – rather smudged – sandalwood and dried herbs. The palate is medium-bodied, fine balance, quite elegant but simple. Raspberry leaf and a touch of wild strawberry, leading to a charming but rustic finish. Fine. Nice cedar aftertaste. Tasted March 2009.”*
- NM, Wine Journal
