

## Château Lanessan 2009

CSPC# 749575

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

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### Grape Variety

*Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot*

### Appellation

Haut-Médoc

### General Info

Château Lanessan 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. Lanessan 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. Lanessan 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 Lanessan 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 Lanessan 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

Complex, subtle bouquet. Lovely mouthfeel with fleshy tannins and a persistent finish. Good ageing potential.

### Production

37,500 cases made

### Cellaring

Drink 2012-2032

### Scores/Awards

**88 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only, 2012

**86-89 points** - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2010

**89+ points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #199 - February 2012

**90-92 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #188- April 2010

**90-92 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2010

**16 points** - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 20, 2010

**16 points/3 stars** - Stephen Spurrier, Decanter.com - April 2010

### Reviews

*"Focused, with a mouthwatering tobacco edge framing the core of red and black currant and anise. A warm stone note fills out the finish, with good underlying acidity. Drink now through 2015."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"Aromas of sandalwood and berries. Medium-bodied, with firm tannins and a medium finish. A little one-dimensional but should come out very well. Score range: 86-89"*  
- JS, Wine Spectator

*"Ripe black currant fruit with some cedar wood, licorice and wood spice are all present in this generously endowed, concentrated, low-acid Lanessan. The tannins are silky, and the overall impression is one of elegance, plumpness and beautiful intensity. This is a sleeper of the vintage and one that should only improve over the next several years and merit an outstanding rating. It should keep for up to two decades."*  
- RP, Wine Advocate



**Reviews** *“Generally, a St.-Julien/Pauillac-like offering, the 2009 Lanessan seems more explosive and concentrated than prior vintages. I’m not sure it is the finest I have ever tasted, but it boasts a dense purple color as well as copious creme de cassis, cedar wood, underbrush, and spice notes. Beautiful opulence, silky tannins, and a long finish suggest this sleeper of the vintage will drink well for 2-3 decades. (Tasted once.)”*  
- RP, Wine Advocate

*“Tasted at Vintex. The excellent Lanessan ’09 sports a tightly-wound nose that is well defined with blackberry, plum and cedar, earthy notes coming through with time. This demonstrated much more sense of terroir than other Medoc 2009s. The palate is full-bodied with good fruit concentration, fine balance with a rounded supple blackberry and cedar finish that retains Medocian typicite. This is a great Lanessan that should drink well over 10-15 years. Tasted March 2010.”*  
- NM, Wine Journal

*“Good smoky and cassis nose that show its proximity to Saint-Julien. Good balance, length and class. Drink 2014-2020 (16 points +).”*  
- SS, Decanter.com

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