
Château Lyonnat Cuvee Emotion 2009

CSPC# 749824

750mlx12

15.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

100% Merlot

Appellation

Lussac, St. Emilion

General Info

Château Lyonnat covers 52 hectares on Lussac Saint-Emilion AOC. It is one of the oldest estates in the Lussac Saint-Emilion AOC. In 1615 Château Lyonnat belonged to the Bishop and that the treasurer of the Abbaye de Faise lived there. The estate was at that time made of more than 180 hectares, which explains the huge size of the current cellars and outbuildings. Most of the wine produced was for consumption of Vatican. For more than four centuries, the wines of Château Lyonnat have been enjoyed beyond our borders! Throughout the history of the château, the spelling of the name "Lyonnat" changed very often: going from Léonat to Lionat, then Lionnat and finally Lyonnat. In 1961, Château Lyonnat was acquired by Damase Milhade, grandfather of Gérard Milhade, the current owner. The different parcels extend along the limestone-clay slopes, benefitting from an ideal southern-southeastern exposure.

Vineyards

It is produced on 10 hectares of very old vines, on a limestone-clay soil. Vineyards are planted with 85% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc

Harvest

Manually harvested, with a rigorous selection at ultimate ripeness and severe sorting.

Maturation

The malolactic fermentation in new barrels, and then aged in 100 % new French oak.

Tasting Notes

The colour is intense, almost black. The nose is powerful, black currant, blackberry, with toasted notes and leather. The palate is complex, powerful, very fruity with full and lush tannins. Emotion should be decanted before serving, and pairs well with grilled red meats, wild game, meats with sauce, and fine cheeses.

Production

2,500 cases made

Cellaring

Drink now-2017

Scores/Awards

91 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2012

92-95 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2010

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

91 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - February 1, 2012

Gold Medal - Concours Mondial de Bruxelles - 2009

Reviews

"Still quite youthfully toasty, with cocoa powder and espresso holding sway over dark plum and macerated currant fruit. The rich finish has the cocoa edge still in control, but the depth is there for this to come together. Drink now through 2017. 2,500 cases made.

- JM, Wine Spectator

"Coffee and ripe plum, with hints of prune on the nose. Full-bodied, with beautiful fruit and super silky tannins. Long and gorgeous. Best ever from here. Score range: 92-95"

- JS, Wine Spectator

"The debut offering of their 100% Merlot cuvee, the 2009 Emotion, displays more new oak and more extraction in a more modern style, in contrast to the traditional regular cuvee. This wine has an additional ripeness, sweet tannins, low acidity, and abundant black currant and kirsch-like fruit. This is a big, chewy wine that, like its sibling, is another sleeper of the vintage and capable of lasting 20 or more years.

These are two very traditional-old-style Bordeaux from the Milhade family, who make the well-known generic Bordeaux that can live for 20+ years, Recougne."

- RP, Wine Advocate

"It's the 100% Merlot that gives the alcohol and super ripe fruit to this wine, redeemed by the acidity. Licorice and dark chocolate flavors go with the sweetest plums and spice. Age for 3-4 years."

- RV, Wine Enthusiast

