
Château Domeyne 2009

CSPC# 749552

750mlx12

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation

Saint Estephe

General Info

The vineyard of Château Domeyne is located on a beautiful hill of big gravels and it surrounds the vineyard of Château Calon-Segur. The property confirmed in 2003 its ranking of the 1932 Cru Bourgeois and collects good scores every year. Excellent facilities allow the winemaking of a wine full of nuances and personality. In 2006, Château Domeyne was bought by Claire Villars Lurton, owner of Château Haut-Bages Liberal and Château Ferrière, 5th Classified Growth of Pauillac and 3rd Classified Growth of Margaux, and her husband Gonzague Lurton, owner of Château Durfort Vivens, 2nd Classified Growth of Margaux. They put all their know-how to lift this wine among the best in the classification of Saint Estèphe. In this new goal of quality, Claire and Gonzague LURTON carry on the challenge to bring to light Château Domeyne.

Vintage

The cooler climate in St Estèphe favoured Merlot in 2009 and this is a very unique wine. We were certainly impressed with its floral, cherry blossom nose reminiscent of Margaux, ripe concentrated cassis fruit and fine, grainy tannins. This year is the earliest of the last 5 years. The rainfall from April to September was lower than previous years, 45% less than in 2007. This resulted in a lower yield per plant. September and October were marked by cool nights, which favored a steady and slow ripening. The grapes reached high levels of compounds and at the same time expressed a nice freshness.

Vineyards

Only 5 hectares of vines are used for this wine which is unusual for St Estèphe in that the blend is Merlot-dominant (60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon). Soil is big clayey gravels. Vine age 40 yrs. Density 10,000 plants/ha. Yield 800g/plant.

Harvest

Hand picking. Main sorting on the plant and final sorting on table

Vinification/

Traditional Bordeaux style winemaking in stainless steel and thermo-regulated vats

Maturation

18 to 24 days. Ageing in oak barrel for 12 months. 25% of new oak

Tasting Notes

The color is dark garnet. The nose offers aromas of cherry and has density. On the palate, the wine is round, fruity and fresh. The palate is full bodied with ripe and powerful tannins.

Production

55,000 bottles produced – 4,583 cases made

Cellaring

Drink 2012-2024

Scores/Awards

91-94 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2010

87 points - Jean Marc Quarin - March 2010

Reviews

"Full-bodied, with plenty of ripe fruit, toasted oak and spices. Long and caressing. A relatively new estate to watch. Score range: 91-94"

- JS, Wine Spectator

