

Château Lanessan 2020

CSPC# 888291

750mlx12

13.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety
Appellation

52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot.

Haut-Médoc

Cru Bourgeois Supérieur

Website

<https://www.lanessan.com/en/our-wines/chateau-lanessan/>

Sustainability

Chateau Lanessan trying hard to preserve terroirs and biodiversity. It should be said that the chateau is among the 10 first companies which sign E.M.S. (Environmental Management System).

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.

Winemakers

Winemaker Sophie Lurton.

Hubert de Bouard consults.

Vintage

The 2020 campaign is marked by a particularly mild winter and a rainy spring. At Château Lanessan, this vintage is marked by precocity. This has affected all the phenological stages of the vine: bud burst, flowering of the vines or veraison. Summer is marked by scorching heat. Fortunately, this did not cause any harmful water stress for the vines. The rains of mid-August brought optimal ripeness, tannic, aromatic, or even phenolic. The harvests confirmed the earliness of the vintage, they took place from September 16th to October 2nd.

Vineyards

The 80-hectare vineyard of Chateau Lanessan is planted with 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37 Merlot, 8.5% Petit Verdot and 2.5% Cabernet Franc. Out of its 80 hectares, 45 hectares are cultivated with vines. The vineyard is close to the St. Julien appellation. In fact, it's just a bit south, as you drive up the D2, the Route de Medoc. Average vine age is 30 years.

The terroir is mostly gravel-based soil. On average, the vines are 30 years of age. The vineyard is planted to a vine density of 10,000 vines per hectare. As we mentioned, close to half of the land owned here is not used for vines. Instead, it's reserved for natural forests, greenery, parkland and horse-riding trails

Harvest

The harvest here is mechanical with an optical sorting of the grapes to keep only the best quality. The harvest took place from September 16th to October 2nd.

Winemaking

The fermentation of the new vintage takes place in thermo-regulated concrete vats. The vintage thus sees the pumping over and its maceration time adapted according to the quality. Aging of the new vintage of Château Lanessan in oak barrels for one year. There is a third of new wood, a third of one year old and a third of two-year-old barrels.

Tasting Notes

Purple colour. Intense and clean nose, dominated by black cherry notes, candied black fruit with floral nuances, rose and violet. A rich and lively attack on the palate with very silky tannins, sweet and savoury. Lingering and fresh finish showing off powdered, candied, mineral nuances. Well-balanced wine, powerful and fleshy.

Winemaker's
Notes

The Chateau Lanessan Haut-Médoc 2020 was crafted by winemaker Sophie Lurton, who is renowned for her exceptional wine-making skills and delicate approach. It is grown in the renowned vineyards of France's Left Bank and based on an extensive blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot. The wine is derived from lush vines in the Garonne valley, planted in 30-year-old gravel beds in a 30-hectare (79-acre) vineyard. The



Winemaker's Notes	fruit is harvested at optimal ripeness and then sorted through optical screening equipment before fermentation. Winemaking techniques such as pumping over, rack and return are used depending on the needs of the vintage and fruit. The result is a complex, layered wine that offers a captivating nose and a medium bodied palate with soft tannins and a long finish. Notes of black cherry, plum, gravel, incense, tobacco, scorched earth and licorice mingle to create a flavor profile that is truly unique. The Chateau Lanessan Haut–Medoc 2020 is an exceptional example of what can be achieved when talent and nature come together. Derived from one of the most prestigious growing regions in the world, it is sure to delight those looking for a perfectly balanced, full–bodied Haut–Medoc.
Serve with	Chateau Lanessan is best served at 15.5 degrees Celsius, 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The cool, almost cellar temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift. The wine of Chateau Lanessan is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes. Chateau Lanessan is a perfect match with Asian dishes, hearty fish courses like tuna, mushrooms, and pasta as well as cheese.
Production	20,000 cases made
Cellaring	Drink 2023-2037
Scores/Awards	<p>87 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2023</p> <p>89-91 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - May 2021</p> <p>87 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent (score only) - March 2023</p> <p>92-93 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2021</p> <p>15.5 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2021</p> <p>16 points - Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com - April 2021</p> <p>92 points - Jane Anson, Decanter.com (score only) - May 2021</p> <p>92 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2023</p> <p>90-92 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2021</p> <p>87 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only) - April 2021</p> <p>92 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2023</p> <p>90-92 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - April 2021</p> <p>90-92 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2021</p> <p>90-92 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - May 2021</p> <p>81 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2021</p> <p>88-89 points - Yves Beck (score only) - June 2021</p> <p>88-90 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2021</p> <p>94 points - Terres de Vins (score only) - September 2021</p> <p>91-92 points - Vert de Vin - May 2021</p> <p>88 points - Bettane & Desseauve (score only) - July 2021</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"Friendly and open-knit in feel, with a loam thread curling around easygoing plum and cherry compote notes. The finish is coated with singed vanilla. Drink now through 2025. 20,000 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Sporting a deep purple-black color, the 2020 Lanessan has a lively nose of crushed redcurrants, black raspberries and blackcurrant preserves, plus hints of dried Provence herbs and pencil shavings. The medium-bodied palate has plenty of energetic red and black berry flavors, supported by grainy tannins, finishing deliciously refreshing."</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Very beautiful, fine-tanned red with blackberry and blueberry character. Lovely chocolate and hazelnut undertones. Fine tannins. Fresh finish."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"Machine-harvested and aged in concrete. Purple. Nicely balanced Médoc fruit in a dry wine with marked tannin. Straightforward club claret for a typical old-fashioned gentleman's club – or would the gentlemen find it too ripe?"</i> - JR, JancisRobinson.com</p> <p><i>"Cask sample. Classic nose, with subtle grassy and leafy notes alongside cassis and redcurrant fruit. Medium bodied, with fine tannins and an attractive medium-weight style. Classic, easy-going and should drink well early."</i> - AC, JancisRobinson.com</p>

Reviews *“Intense raspberry fruits, chocolate shavings, tobacco leaf and liquorice. Successful overall with rippling muscular tannins and good acidity. Owned by Domaine Bouteiller, this vintage was the last year with Paz Espejo, she has left after 10 years at the helm, her successor had not been announced at time of tasting (although she was chateau director as well as technical director, and in this Pierre Delage has taken over the role). September 22 to October 7 for the harvest. Eric Boissenot consultant.”*
- JA, Decanter.com

“Flowers, cigar wrapper, mint, black, and red currants, and a hint of toasty oak create the perfume. On the palate, the wine is round, supple, fresh, and fruity with layers of sweet, ripe, clean, juicy currants with a touch of peppery spice in the finish. Drink it within a year or two of age and enjoy it for at least 15 or more years after that Drink from 2024-2040.”
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“Toasty oak, dark red and black fruit, camphor, and espresso come through on the nose. On the palate the wine is round, supple, and structured. You find loads of sweet, ripe, fleshy fruits with a trace of cocoa in the finish. This should age quite nicely.”
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

“The 2020 Lanessian is just as compelling from bottle as it was from barrel. Dark, virile and imposing, Lanessian offers up a mix of black cherry, plum, gravel, incense, tobacco, scorched earth and licorice. Firm tannins wrap it all together in style. This is a terrific showing.”
- NM, Vinous

“The 2020 Lanessian presents a very perfumed nose of dark cherries, cassis, cedar, and background tobacco aromas, turning quite minty with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins, a crisp line of acidity, plenty of tightly wound black fruit and a saline finish. This is a classy Lanessian, quite complex and intense yet refined.”
- NM, Vinous

“The 2020 Lanessian is impressive, to say the least. Dark, layered, and mysterious, the 2020 packs serious punch, the blackberry jam, incense, scorched earth and leather all melding together. I especially admire the wine's depth and textural intensity. Beautifully done.”
- AG, Vinous

“Readers looking for a great buy in the vintage should check out the 2020 Château Lanessian, which offers ample dark (almost blue) fruits, cassis, and spring flower notes to go with a medium-bodied, nicely concentrated, balanced beauty that has enough tannins and structure to warrant 2-4 years of bottle age.”
- Jeb Dunnuck

“Deep dark ruby, opaque core, purple reflections, faint brightening on rim. Fresh sweet cherry, delicate herbal savouriness, a hint of liquorice, fine nougat touch. Medium body, red berry touch, freshly structured, fine tannins, cherry finish, offers uncomplicated drinking pleasure.”
- PM, Falstaff Magazine

“On the nose it offers a little power, a certain intensity, a fine texture as well as depth. It reveals notes of pulpy blackberry, fleshy wild blackcurrant and slightly violet associated with touches of toasted almond, nutmeg as well as fine hints of saffron and a discreet hint of pepper. On the palate it is fruity, balanced and offers a juicy / tangy structure, minerality, good definition as well as some juiciness, a fine creaminess, gourmandise and minerality. This wine expresses notes of juicy / pulpy blackberry, crushed redcurrant and more slightly juicy / fresh blackcurrant associated with touches of racy minerality as well as hints of blond tobacco, lily, cardamom, and discreet notes. toasted hazelnut tips. A subtle hint of coffee on the retro.”
- Vert de Vin