

Las Cases

2025

TERROIR

The Grand Enclos de Las Cases is blessed with a very complex terroir. Mostly made up of Quaternary gravel on a sandy-gravelly and clayey-gravelly subsoil, we also find clays of varying depths and compactness, sometimes even outcropping. The proximity of the Gironde is responsible for this great diversity of soils, created over the geological periods by successive superimpositions. In addition, the river generates a very specific microclimate which allows the grapes to ripen very early and protects the vineyards from frost. This range of geological combinations influences the development of the vine and the constitution of the grapes. This incomparable terroir offers the great wine its unique personality.

VINTAGE 2025

The 2025 vintage at Las Cases is defined by a warm, sunny growing season, tempered by the natural influence of the Gironde Estuary. Careful vineyard management throughout the growth cycle, including higher trimming to provide additional shade, helped protect the fruit and preserve balance. Marked by the earliest harvest ever recorded at the estate, the 2025 Grand Vin shows a particularly successful balance between ripeness and acidity, giving the wine a profile that is serious, vibrant, and remarkably precise. It is a pure expression of the Grand Enclos, with the depth and structure that define the best vintages of Las Cases.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Blend : 82 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, 6 % Merlot
Harvest period : From 5th September to 20th September 2025
Alcohol degree: 13,65 % - pH: 3.56 - IPT: 82



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TASTING NOTES



98-99/100

ALEXANDRE MA

Château Léoville Las Cases has always held a special place for me, for it never yields its sharpness without purpose. In weaker vintages, it holds its ground without fear; in great years, it advances with authority, fully expressing its regal poise. 2025 is such a moment. The aromatics are precise and restrained, yet beneath that calm surface lies a gathering force of remarkable scale. Black goji and mulberry, wrapped in a trace of agarwood, unfold gradually, thread by thread, like mist rising along a mountain ridge. With each swirl, the wine reveals another layer, like shifting perspectives in a landscape, deepening without ever fully disclosing itself. The texture is ample, supple, and luminous, like silk catching the light in motion. In the closing moments, a trace of violet appears with remarkable precision, shaping the wine while casting an air of quiet nobility. This is Léoville Las Cases: restrained in spirit, measured in bearing, yet when time and place converge, it gathers the breadth of the world and holds it within a single glass.

98-99/100

BETTANE & DESSEAUVÉ

Très proche de la perfection par son harmonie, la noblesse de son toucher et l'intégration magistrale du boisé. Le millésime semble parfaitement taillé pour le cru.

97/100

DECANTER/GEORGINA HINDLE

A serious but classic Las Cases style with a fragrant nose of roses and violets, blackcurrant and plum. Grippy from the off, the Cabernet playing its part in giving structure straight away - so well defined. Power and focus, it's ripe no doubt but with no dryness thanks to this fresh, mouthwatering fruit in the background - raspberry and cranberry, almost tart. Striking and quite a unique style: supple, energetic and vibrant yet still super coiled and tight. One to wait for with ageing for sure. Has the polish and lots of star power here - refined and focused.

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FALSTAFF/PETER MOSER

Deep dark ruby garnet, opaque core, violet reflections, delicate edge brightening. Nuances of blackberries, cassis, blueberries and some nougat, fine precious wood spice, multi-faceted bouquet. Complex, taut, red berry nuances in the texture, ripe, present tannins, mineral, lemony-salty on the finish, has great animating power, red heart cherries in the aftertaste, will benefit from maturity.

99/100

FINE WINE GUIDE/GIUSEPPE LAURIA

An enchanting, extremely tightly woven and highly concentrated bouquet with ripe blackcurrants, morello cherries, and blueberry jelly, underpinned by dark, sweet tobacco. With aeration, fine nuances of licorice emerge, along with floral hints of wisteria and peony. On the palate, immensely concentrated, with a firm, supporting structure and precise freshness. The spicy, savory extract adds further depth, while the finely knit tannin framework creates tension and clarity. Despite its power, the wine remains consistently juicy and displays the hallmark finesse of Saint-Julien. The concentrated finish is still slightly closed, marked by terroir-driven spice and a pronounced grip. A wine with enormous aging potential, combining all the classic virtues of Château Léoville Las Cases: concentration, precision, and power, united with a refined, subtly chocolatey texture. The first vintage produced in the estate's new six-story cellar, equipped with 120 fermentation vats in both wood and stainless steel, allowing for highly precise parcel and micro-parcel vinification. Under the direction of Arnaud Delon, in his first vintage working alongside his father Jean-Hubert Delon, this technical precision is clearly evident in the glass. A wine of remarkable scale and immense potential, though one that will require time to fully unfold.

98-99/100

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The texture is fantastic, with superb aromas of graphite, blackberries and blueberries. Medium- to full-bodied with tannins that are pure and primary, like eating perfectly ripe grapes. It's the high quality of the tannins. A very classic Las Cases. 82% cabernet sauvignon, 12% cabernet franc and 6% merlot.

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JANCIS ROBINSON/JAMES LAWTHER

Deep colour. Quite floral and open for Las Cases. Fine texture and tannins then persistence, freshness and length. A more elegant rendering of Las Cases this year. (JL)

100/100

JEAN-MARC QUARIN

Couleur noire. Nez intense, fin, fruité, pur, subtil et complexe. Encore plus nuancé à l'agitation du verre. La touche de fruits noirs rafraîchis évoque le meilleur de l'expression fruitée de l'année. Minutieux en entrée de bouche et très vite corpulent, le vin danse sur le palais en évoluant lentement. Après le milieu de bouche, il se trame, riche et profond, sans cesse précis et fin. Ce sentiment énigmatique évoque une identité marquante, mais difficile à définir, qui ne correspond pas tout à fait à celle de Saint-Julien ou de Pauillac, comme un mystère. L'assemblage est dans la lignée du 2022, avec un degré d'alcool moindre et un pH plus bas.

97-100/100

JEB DUNNUCK

Based on a blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, and 6% Merlot that's resting in 80% new barrels, the 2025 Château Léoville Las Cases is one of the wines of the vintage and just has an incredible sense of class, balance, purity, and richness. Harvest began on September 5th, the earliest ever for this estate, wrapping up on the 20th. Cassis, graphite, liquid minerality, and freshly sharpened pencil all define the nose, and it's full-bodied on the palate, with a round, layered mouthfeel, beautiful tannins, and a blockbuster of a finish. If this doesn't make your eyes roll back in your head, nothing will. It checks in at 13.65% alcohol with a pH of 3.56.

95-97/100

LE FIGARO/ELLA LISTER & BEATRICE DELAMOTTE

Drapé dans une robe grenat, totalement opaque, le vin s'ouvre sur un bouquet mystérieux et sombre, qui prolonge son caractère aux nuances noires. Cailloux, silex, fougère, bruyère, notes ferreuses. Volumineux, ample en bouche, avec de la prestance, tel l'un des lions de Las Cases, musclé, avec ses tanins puissants. Il a besoin de temps pour s'épanouir.

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LE POINT/JACQUES DUPONT & OLIVIER BOMPAS

Nouveau chai et nouvelle génération. Un bâtiment qui semble immense entre l'ancien et les bords du fleuve, aux allures de monastère, où l'on pratique toujours ce qui a fait le succès du cru, l'expérimentation prudente. C'est désormais Arnaud, fils de Jean-Hubert, petit-fils de Michel, qui assure la perpétuation de la famille Delon aux commandes de ce cru à la très forte renommée. Les Delon possèdent également de l'autre côté des eaux, sur la rive droite, le pomerol Nénin, particulièrement réussi cette année. 82% cabernet-sauvignon, 6% cabernet franc, 21% merlot. Cerise en bocal, pain d'épices, bouche juteuse, raffinée, tanins fins et discrets, un vin précis et long d'une grande élégance.

96-98/100

PAOLO BARACCHINO

98-99/100

RVF/OLIVIER POELS

Premier millésime signé Arnaud Delon, ce Las Cases impressionne d'emblée par sa maîtrise. Issu de rendements infimes, il déploie une concentration naturelle et cette profondeur qui fait la signature du cru. La définition du vin, l'éclat du fruit et la fraîcheur aromatique font de ce 2025 une réussite majeure. La finale, interminable, aristocratique, en dit long sur son potentiel.

96-98/100

TERRE DE VINS/MATHIEU DOUMENGE

2025 marque les 125 ans de la famille Delon à la tête de la propriété : coup de maître avec cette interprétation millimétrée du millésime, s'annonçant sur une densité plongeante, une concentration calme à la puissance maîtrisée. Superbe définition du toucher tannique, une nouvelle fois - c'est vraiment la signature de la maison : l'architecture du vin est impressionnante, elle vient juguler la matière, la faire vibrer, lui donner du ressort, l'accompagner sur la longueur, construisant une persistance poudrée et ciselée qui ne cesse d'émouvoir.

97-99/100

THE DRINKS BUSINESS/COLIN HAY



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Sumptuous at the first encounter, with lovely violet and patchouli floral notes, gorgeous cedar and Las Cases graphite, an intensely dark berry and cherry fruit, copious black peppercorns, a hint of heather and a wild herbal component that's almost more Saint-Estèphe than Saint-Julien. We have that haunting beauty once again of the truly magical wines of the vintage and a little hint of incense, myrrh and the plume from a recently snuffed cathedral candle. A tight frame, never too ample, gives this incredible depth despite the considerable density. Las Cases, as ever, has massive aging potential yet an accessibility, conveyed by the sheer beauty of the fruit, that is spectacular. Brilliant.

98-100/100

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER/JEFF LEVE

Deep and dark in color, it takes less than a second to know this is a wine that meshes power with concentration, sports a regal bearing, and delivers layer after layer of vibrant blackberries, cassis, currants, and black cherries with ease. The finish is long, expansive, mouth-filling, and powerful, with a strong mineral essence that adds sapidity. This is another Leoville Las Cases that will age and evolve for over 50 years. Drink from 2032-2075.

97-99/100

THE WINE DOCTOR/CHRIS KISSACK

The aromatics on this grand vin are intense, combining dried berries and crushed black plum with currants, chocolate, lavender and violets. The palate which follows is supple and approachable at the very start, with a rich core of deeply buried and beautifully knit tannins, the warm blackberry and cherry compote laying on top, swirled with touches of coal dust, toasted olive and wild flowers. The most impressive feature is the lithe and energetic poise, set against the silky core of tannins and ripe fruit. Such ripeness and freshness combined, this is a simply delicious Las-Cases with huge potential. One for the cellar! The grand vin, sourced purely from the vines of the Grand Clos, which the new cellars overlook, is 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc and 6% Merlot. Picking started on September 5th, the equal-earliest harvest, as 1989 started on the same date. It was the third vintage to be vinified in the new Las-Cases cellars.

94-97+/100

THE WINE INDEPENDENT/IVAR BJURNER

Fresh round and pleasing nose with notes of marzipan, blancmange and



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crispy fruit. The wine is well balanced with a fine tannic backbone and an elegant, velvety fruity cassis-like layer of fruit. This is a very classical expression for this wine and it should develop nicely. Very fresh, juicy and peppery aftertaste. It was the earliest harvest ever recorded starting on 5th of September.

97-99/100

THE WINE PALATE/LISA PERROTTI-BROWN

Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2025 Léoville Las Cases storms from the glass with powerful notes of warm cassis, ripe plums, and anise, followed by suggestions of dark chocolate, crushed rocks, violets, and forest floor. The medium-bodied palate is so graceful and intense, delivering wonderfully pure, nuanced black fruit and mineral layers with exquisitely ripe, fine-grained tannins and great tension, finishing long and perfumed. A triumph. The blend is 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, and 6% Merlot. It has a pH of 3.56 and the alcohol is 13.65%. The wine is aging for 18 months in French barriques, 80% new.

97/100

TIM ATKIN/ROD SMITH

96-98/100

VINOUS/ANTONIO GALLONI

The 2025 Léoville Las Cases is powerful, tightly wound and very shut down—in other words, classic Las Cases. In some recent vintages, the Grand Vin has shown somewhat softer contours, but the 2025 is really a throwback to a more muscular, classically austere style. It offers tremendous persistence and sheer power, but beyond that, the wine is pretty hard to read in the early going, certainly much more so than any of the other wines in the Delon stable. I expect this will need many years to be at its most rewarding. Based on this en primeur sample, the 2025 is a wine for readers who have actuarial tables on their side.

96-98/100

VINOUS/NEAL MARTIN

The 2025 Léoville Las Cases is the earliest harvest since 1989, starting on September 5 until September 20. Yields are 23 hl/ha, with a soft extraction using air pumps introduced in 2019, and it was matured in 80% new oak. It



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is the third vintage made in the new, impressive facility. This has another intense nose, quite flamboyant for Las Cases due to the warmth of the summer, with hints of pencil shavings and cigar box coming through with time. The palate is medium-bodied but very concentrated. Real depth and density here, very primal, with an intense, multi-layered finish that coats the mouth. Not a subtle Las Cases, nor should it be, though I aver that it will oblige long-term ageing.

99/100

VINUM/ADRIAN VAN VELSEN

Gänsehaut ist vorprogrammiert, wenn man diesen Wein im Glas hat; es fehlen einem fast die Worte, man möchte eintauchen, dunkle Frucht, kühler Kamin, Veilchenblüten, Zedernholz; der Gaumen ist von grosser Eleganz; am Gaumen mit beeindruckender Dichte die sich mit einer überraschenden Leichtigkeit paart, dieser Las Cases ist wie ein Balletttänzer, der im Sprung den Spagat macht, symbolisch für ein heisses Jahr, das im Glas erstauulich frisch endet und den kühlen Charakter der Region Bordeaux perfekt widerspiegelt.

96-98/100

WINE ADVOCATE/WILLIAM KELLEY

One of the most serious, brooding wines of the vintage is the 2025 Léoville Las Cases, a blend of 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc and 6% Merlot. Unfurling in the glass with aromas of dark berries, plums, pencil shavings and creamy new oak, it's medium- to full-bodied, deep and dense, with prodigious reserves of sweet but assertive tannin, lively acids and a long, muscular finish. This will require patience.

100/100

XL-VINS/XAVIER LACOMBE

100/100

YVES BECK

Las Cases surprend par son bouquet, par ses notes de baies noires bien mûres, mais cela me semble juste être une stratégie vouée à capturer l'attention du dégustateur, car au final c'est bien le roi cabernet qui prend le bouquet en main ! Les notes d'eucalyptus s'allient à des parfums de mûres et de grenadines avant de laisser libre cours à des nuances plus pointues, plus



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fraîches où vigueur, tempérament et subtilité créent une harmonie pour ainsi dire improbable. Las Cases reste Las Cases, il passe au-dessus des mises à jour et des investissements, mais il n'en est pas moins ravi de pouvoir s'épanouir et de bénéficier d'une attention encore plus dédiée à lui. Quel vin remarquable, quelle splendide interprétation du terroir, quelle énergie. Léoville Las Cases 3.0 ! Intemporel, traditionnel, contemporain.



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