



CHÂTEAU DE LA DAUPHINE

FRONSAC - PRIMEUR 2025

THE CHÂTEAU

Château de La Dauphine, a story of women and emotions.

This Bordeaux wine **jewel** with its Tuscan landscapes has been in the hands of Stéphanie Barousse for almost 10 years. This 66-hectare treasure of **biodiversity (organic & biodynamic)** is located in the heart of the Fronsadais region, on an **exceptional terroir of limestone plateau**.

The château was built in 1750 and shares a royal history with the Château de **Versailles** that continues throughout the vintages.

Its name? The coming of Marie-Josèphe de Saxe, mother of Louis XVI and Dauphine of France.



2025 EN PRIMEUR

The 2025 Bordeaux vintage is shaping up to be an outstanding year, defined by remarkable earliness, excellent sanitary conditions, and warm, dry weather conducive to optimal grape ripening. The wines display a fine balance between freshness, tannic richness, and aromatic intensity, with elegant, harmonious, and distinctly contemporary profiles, in line with the great recent solar vintages.

THE VINTAGE IN 5 KEY POINTS

- Early ripening
- Balance
- Tannic richness
- Elegance
- Solar vintage



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VINEYARD

Total surface: 66 hectares

Surface for this wine: 45 hectares

Yield : 30hL/ha

Terroir: limestone plateaus

65% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Franc

Planting density: 5 800 vines/ha

Average age for the vines: 30 years

Harvested from the 11th of September
to the 19th of September 2025

Owner: LABRUNE Family

CEO: Stéphanie BAROUSSE

Consultant: Julien VIAUD

WINEMAKING

Plot by plot work

Maturing of separate batches in 1/3 oak, amphorae
and 2/3 foudres for 12 months

Alcohol content: 13.5%

Production of 130 000 bottles

pH : 3.5





CERTIFICATIONS, MANAGEMENT, LABELS


Certified organic farming

Vineyard conducted in biodynamic farming



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NEW APPROCH

Over the last few years, Château de La Dauphine has continued to shine through its development and the outstanding quality of its wines.

MAJOR CHANGES HAVE EMERGED OVER THE MOST RECENT VINTAGES :

VINTAGE 2015 : Year of *Organic Certification*

VINTAGE 2016 : Acquisition of a 13-hectare single-block *asteriated limestone* plateau above underground quarries (Château Haut Ballet).

VINTAGE 2017 : *Biodynamic* vineyard management

VINTAGE 2018 : Change of technical teams internally and externally (Julien Viaud, Consultant)

VINTAGE 2019 : Increase in the percentage of *Cabernet Franc*

VINTAGE 2020 : Evolution of the ageing: decrease of the toasting of the barrels, new containers: *amphoras, 20hl wooden vats, concrete tanks*

VINTAGE 2021 : *Cabernet Franc*'s share of this vintage has doubled from 20% to 30% within 2-3 years

VINTAGE 2022 : The vineyard that makes up La Dauphine extends over 40 hectares and is composed of *limestone plateaus*

VINTAGE 2023 : The grape variety composition evolves and currently consists of 35% *Cabernet Franc*

VINTAGE 2025 : The terroir of Château de La Dauphine now consists *entirely of asteriated limestone plateaus*. Greater precision has been achieved in the cellar, with 70% of the ageing carried out in 20 hL wooden vats. The grape composition remains unchanged, with 75% Merlot and 25% *Cabernet Franc*.



NOTES

JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb DUNNUCK - 94 / 96+

Deep ruby/plum-hued, the 2025 Château de La Dauphine comes from a great estate in Fronsac that's well worth seeking out. Based on 70% merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc that will spend 12 months in a mix of oak, foudres and amphorae, it has remarkable purity in its black raspberry, cassis, graphite and chocolate, floral, exotic aromatics. Medium to full-bodied on the palate, it has a pure, graceful, layered mouthfeel, ultra-fine tannins, and a great finish. It checks in at 14% alcohol with a pH of 3.5, and plays in the focused, pure, precise style of the vintage. It's beautifully done and should be snatched up by savvy readers.

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Antonio GALLONI - VINOUS - 93 / 95

The 2025 La Dauphine is superb. Dark, ample and explosive, the 2025 races across the palate with inky fruit, tobacco, dried herbs, lavender and chocolate. This is a great La Dauphine. The Cabernet Franc is dialed up in this vintage, an approach that works so well. Clean saline notes frame the close. Tasted three times.

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James SUCKLING - 93 / 94

Medium-to full-bodied and cohesive, with contained, evenly distributed dark fruit and fine-grained tannins.

ALEXANDRE MAU

Alexandre MA - AMA - 93 / 95

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Decanter

DECANTER - 94

Aromatic purity on the nose, smells lively and welcoming. Clean, clear and supple, there's an enjoyable bouncy element to the tannins and ripe fruit with cool acidity that means you get texture, flavour and brightness. Still quite calm, nothing over the top about this. Elegant and finessed as La Dauphine does so well. A very assured 2025 that will find fans. I love the chalky minerality on the finish.

Vinum
PROGÈNE DE LA CULTURE DU VIN

Adrian VAN VELSEN - VINUM - 93

JANE ANSON
INSIDE BORDEAUX

Jane ANSON - INSIDE BORDEAUX - 93

Concentrated plum colour, brambled raspberry and loganberry, good texture, grip and tension through the palate. There are waves of gooseberry and redcurrant fruit as the palate opens up. Enjoyable, good quality, fresh acidities, mouthwatering. Harvest September 11 to 19. 30 hl/ha. 3.50 pH.