

# CHÂTEAU LA BESSANE

## AOC MARGAUX

VINTAGE  
2008

### Vintage Profile

Overall a very slow growing cycle from the beginning of the season to the end. Budding, leaf growing took more time than usual. Frost on the 6th and 7th of April. Thunderstorms in May, sunshine and rain in June. New hopes return after perfect July. August and the beginning of September are rather grey and wet.

The second part of September and a fine October with dry, sunny days and fresh nights, finally allow an effective last-minute ripening.

Late harvest with low yields and a very heterogeneous crop.

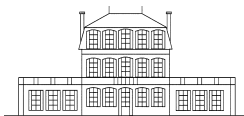
### Harvest Dates

Merlot : October 10th

Cabernet Sauvignon : from October 15th to 20th

Petit Verdot : October 14th

Malolactic fermentation of free-run juice in oak barrels after drainage



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| <b>AOC</b>                  | Margaux   |
| <b>Yield</b>                | 40 hl/ha  |
| <b>Vinification</b>         | Plot by plot<br>Temperature controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks<br>Post fermentation maceration between 25 and 30 days |
| <b>Consulting winemaker</b> | Daniel Llose  |
| <b>Aging</b>                | 12 months in oak casks<br>90% French oak 10% American oak medium toasted<br>30% new oak   |
| <b>Fining</b>               | With egg albumin after final blending<br>No filtering before bottling   |
| <b>Blend</b>                | Cabernet Sauvignon 40%<br>Merlot 40%<br>Petit Verdot 20%  |
| <b>Alcohol</b>              | 13 % Vol  |
| <b>Production</b>           | 12 400 bottles  |

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Purple-black, quite tight fruit with good grip due to 20% Petit Verdot, good density but a bit raw for Margaux. Drink 2013-17. (15.5 points)

**Decanter on line, Steven Spurrier, 7 avril 2009**

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Nez fruits noirs, note moka, bouche souple, tannins fondus et frais, milieu de bouche élégant, finale fruitée. O=2012 G=10 ans

**Le Point Supplément, 14 mai 09**

Entre 17,5 et 15,5/20

Arômes expressifs et élégants sur un fruit mûr, des notes fumées et un joli boisé. Bouche tout aussi élégante et épanouie, avec de jolis arômes qui persistent longtemps, du fruit, de la fraîcheur et un bel équilibre.

**La Revue du Vin de France, Juin 2009**

18/20

Mittleres Rubin-Purpur. Dichtes Bouquet, schöne Würznoten, Pfefferkörner, Maulbeeren, sanft trocken aber mit guter Tiefenreife. Dichter Gaumen, viel Stoff, veloursartiges Extrakt, zeigt Reserve und wirkt sehr nachhaltig mit leicht aufrauemdem Fluss. 2013 - 2022

**René Gabriel**

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zartes, gefälliges, fruchtiges, blumiges Bukett (auch Minze); zwar gefällig fruchtig und lieblich, doch etwas schlank; zeitig aufkommende, vertretbar trockene, die Frucht respektierende Tannine; deutlicher, kaum strenger Geschmack nach Lakritze; langer, frischer (auch etwas Tannin-frischer), fruchtiger Abgang; könnte insgesamt noch homogener sein

**Harald Ecker**