

## Ch. Les Ormes de Pez

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**Appellatie :** AOC Saint-Estèphe  
Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel

**Domein :** Château Les Ormes de Pez

Château Les Ormes de Pez bevindt zich aan de rand van het gehucht Pez, ten noorden van de gemeente Saint-Estèphe. Het kasteel dankt zijn naam aan enkele prachtige, grote olmen die ondertussen verdwenen zijn. In 1940 verwerft Jean-Charles Cazes dit 37 ha grote domein met zijn typische kiezelhoudende bodem (*graves garonnaises*). Op uitzonderlijke manier weet hij traditie en moderne technieken te combineren zowel op gebied van wijnbouw als vinificatie wat zich vertaalt in kruidige, rijke wijnen, de kenmerken van het terroir en de appellatie.

**Oppervlakte :** 35 ha

**Druivensoorten :** 54% Cabernet Sauvignon  
37% Merlot  
7% Cabernet Franc  
2% Petit Verdot

**Gemiddelde leeftijd van de wijnranken:** 35 jaar

**Dichtheid van de beplanting:** 9000/ha

**Bodem :** kiezelhoudende bodem

**Vinificatie:** Manuele oogst. Vinificatie in inox vaten gedurende 20 dagen.

**Rijping:** 15 maand in franse eikenhouten vaten waarvan 45% nieuwe vaten.



## SCORES








### Millésime 1998:

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| 30/04/2001  | <b>WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 87 / 100</b>  |
|  | A successful effort, as well as a reasonably good value, this dark ruby/purple-colored 1998 exhibits copious quantities of cassis fruit along with earthy, underbrush notes. Medium to full-bodied, with fine concentration, excellent texture, and a soft, spicy, peppery finish, it will drink well for 10-12 years. |
| 31/01/2001  | <b>WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES SUCKLING) : 85 / 100</b>  |
|  | Pleasant young wine. Violet and cherry aromas with hints of berries. Medium-bodied, with fine, silky tannins. Best after 2004.   |
| 30/04/1999  | <b>WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 83-85 / 100</b>   |
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### Millésime 1999:

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| 30/09/2002  | <b>LA REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE : 4-5 / 20</b>  |
|   | Brillante réussite pour le cru, ce 1999 conserve le style riche et charpenté habituel des Ormes de Pez. D'une robe assez pleine, il développe au nez une palette d'arômes mûrs, sur le fruit, le bacon, très typé Saint-Estèphe. La bouche ronde repose sur des tanins suaves et bien mûrs et termine sur une longueur gourmande et fraîche. |
| 30/04/2002  | <b>WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 86 / 100</b>  |
|  | The dark ruby-colored 1999 Les Ormes de Pez is a lovely, forward offering, offering aromas of black currant and cherry fruit, medium body, soft tannin, and an up-front style that requires consumption over the next 6-8 years.   |
| 31/03/2002  | <b>WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES SUCKLING) : 88 / 100</b>  |
|  | Subtle aromas of ripe fruit, cinnamon and spices. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a lovely finish. Best after 2004. 17,000 cases made.   |
| 30/04/2001  | <b>WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 85-86 / 100</b>   |
|  | With good fatness as well as chewy raspberry and cherry fruit, this straightforward, seamless effort does not possess much weight or length. It will provide competent drinking over the next 5-8 years.   |
| 30/04/2000  | <b>WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 82-84 / 100</b>   |
|  | The 1999 Les Ormes-de-Pez is a competent, medium-bodied, modestly ripe, dark ruby-colored effort with some sweetness and ripeness on the attack, but little persistence/length. Drink it over the next 5-7 years.  |

## Millésime 2001:

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| 17/01/2006  | <b>LA REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE : 4 / 20</b>   |
|    | Bonne tenue en bouche sur des tanins harmonieux et denses : un joli vin long et plaisant  |
| 31/12/2005  | <b>GUIDE HACHETTE : 2 / 100</b>   |
|    | Les ormes qui donnèrent leur nom à cette propriété ont malheureusement disparu mais le vignoble est resté, conduit par Jean-Michel Cazes. Ce vin est parfaitement équilibré. D'une belle couleur sombre, il possède une réelle complexité aromatique, avec des notes de grillé, de pruneau et d'épices. Ample et tannique mais très grasse, sa structure lui confère un côté mode, sans pour autant trahir son appellation et lui assure de réelles perspectives de garde. Sa longue finale très aromatique et veloutée n'est pas le moindre de ses charmes |
| 30/06/2004  | <b>WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 86 / 100</b>   |
|    | Earth, herb, cranberry, and cherry characteristics are present in this lightweight 2001. Medium-bodied, round, and elegant, it is a pleasant although uninspiring effort. Consume it over the next 4-5 years.   |
| 31/03/2004  | <b>WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES SUCKLING) : 89 / 100</b>   |
|   | Some earthiness, but it opens to some good plum fruit character and a light toasted oak undertone. Medium body. Good tannins. Straightforward finish. Spicy. Slightly more stylish than the 2000. Best after 2007. 17,000 cases made.   |
| 30/04/2003  | <b>WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 85-86 / 100</b>  |
|  | Dark plum/ruby in color, with an evolved nose of damp earth intermixed with red currants, this wine has sweet, silky tannin, medium body, and moderate fruit in a simple, straightforward style. Some new oak also makes an appearance. Drink it over the next 7-8 years.   |
| 30/06/2002  | <b>GAULTMILLAU : 88-89 / 100</b>  |
|  | L'attaque est sévère sur les tannins, mais elle est vite relayée par un beau milieu de bouche au fruits très mûr qui les enrobe. Joli vin   |
| 30/04/2002  | <b>WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 84-86 / 100</b>  |
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## Millésime 2009:

14/07/2014 JAMESSUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 92 / 100



A big and chewy wine with plum and currant character. Full body, lots of tannins and a big backbone. Needs at least three to four years of age.

01/01/2013 WINE ADVOCATE (NEAL MARTIN) : / 100



Served blind at the Southwold 2009 tasting. After the first bottle was found corked, the second sample has a slightly reduced bouquet – sullen compared to its peers although it begins to unfurl in the glass with rigorous aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with harder tannins than I was expected. A little pinched at first, although it displays admirable delineation on the linear finish. If it were a man, he would only wear brogues. Not sure how representative this second bottle was, so I will not score it this time. Tasted January 2013.

31/07/2012 STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR (STEPHEN TANZER) : 88 / 100



Bright ruby-red. Aromas of blackberry, cassis, licorice and mint are lifted by a floral note. Supple, dry and vinous, showing a classic Saint-Estephe coolness and finesse. Not at all sweet but offers good penetration to its suave dark fruit flavors. The building tannins coat the front teeth. Nicely done.

31/03/2012 WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES MOLESWORTH) : 92 / 100



This is tight and precise, with lots of cut from start to finish, as chiseled graphite and iron notes support the dark currant, mulled fig and crushed blackberry fruit. Long and toasty, but well-integrated on the lilac-tinged finish. Best from 2013 through 2022. 18,500 cases made. –JM

29/02/2012 WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 89 / 100



A big, fruity, hedonistic style of wine, the 2009 Les Ormes de Pez has a dense ruby/purple color, notes of incense and barbecue smoke and oodles of black berry and cassis fruit. It is medium to full-bodied, with silky tannins and low acidity. This attractive, very hedonistic style of wine should drink well for at least a decade.

15/02/2012 JAMESSUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 92 / 100



Blueberry, plums and citrus rind aromas, follow through to a full body, with juicy tannins and a tangy finish. Round and delicious. Try in 2017.

30/06/2010 STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR (IAN D'AGATA) : 86-89 / 100



30/06/2010 **LE FIGARO (BERNARD BURTSCHY) : 90-92 / 100**



Robe sombre. Superbe nez cuir et épices. En bouche, le vin est souple, rond et suave, charmeur en diable, ce qui est rare pour lui, mais avec un fond impressionnant. Il ira loin.

30/06/2010 **TIMATKIN.COM (TIM ATKIN MW) : 93 / 100**



14% alcohol. 54CS, 37M, 7CF, 2PV This is arguably more Ormes de Pez than St Estèphe, but the longer it stays in the mouth, the more the tannins make themselves apparent. It's a stylish, concentrated, richly proportioned wine with lots of extract, and flavours of cassis, cedar wood and liquorice. A wine that should appear on the market at a reasonable price, so stock up. 10+ years.

31/05/2010 **LA REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE : 17-18 / 20**



Les ambitions de la famille Cazes sont grandes. Depuis 2008, un travail a été enclenché dans le vignoble et les résultats sont visibles avec ce 2009 généreusement fruité et magnifiquement équilibré.

06/05/2010 **LE POINT (JACQUES DUPONT) : 15,5-16 / 20**



Fruits noirs, épices, grillé, un peu de lie en suspension due à la météo, serré, plein, réglissé, bien droit mais assez fermé. O=2015 G=20 ans

30/04/2010 **WEIN WISSER (RENÉ GABRIEL) : 18 / 20**



Extrem dunkles Purpur mit lila und violetten Reflexen. Nicht nur die besonders dunkle Farbe ist auffallend, auch das Bouquet! Viel schwarze, reife Pflaumen, Backpflaumen, Teer, Vanillemark mit einer Spur Minze. Im Gaumen füllig, mit viel Fleisch, reifer Frucht und einer ziemlich reichen Adstringenz, endet superaromatisch mit reichlich schwarzen Beeren. Der beste Ormes-de-Pez bislang und auch mit einem etwas höheren Preis immer noch ein sensationeller 2009er-Kauf! 2016-2032.

30/04/2010 **TAST (BETTANE & DESSEAUVE) : 17,5 / 20**



Superbe réussite, délivrant toute la puissance du millésime mais avec une élégance de texture et de tanin qu'on ne lui connaissait pas à ce niveau, avec un tanin particulièrement bien enrobé dans la texture. Nous le recommandons vivement.

30/04/2010 **WINE ADVOCATE (NEAL MARTIN) : 90-92 / 100**



Tasted at Chateau Lynch Bages, this Ormes de Pez is a blend of 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot, matured in 40% new oak, this '09 Les Ormes de Pez has a deep, garnet colour. The nose is very pure, very focused, tightly wound at first, a certain "strictness" to this Saint Estèphe. Not as earthy as other wines, subtle aromas of black cherries, a touch of cassis, cedar and sandalwood. Good definition, but despite coaxing it is relatively closed at the moment. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins, quite peppery on the entry, nicely balanced, masculine as usual, a saline note towards the finish that is quite linear at the moment. This is like a tightly coiled spring but it should drink well after 8-8 years year of ageing, which this wine usually needs. Tasted March 2010.

30/04/2010 **DECANTER MAGAZINE (STEVEN SPURRIER) : 17 / 20**



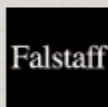
Purple red, good ripe cassis fruit, good balanced richness and good length, a supple, harmonious wine. Drink 2014-20.

30/04/2010 **WINE ENTHUSIAST (ROGER VOSS) : 90-92 / 100**



The juicy blackcurrant flavors of the year show through here, the wine a firm balance between juicy fruit and the driest of tannins.

30/04/2010 **FALSTAFF (PETER MOSER) : 94-96 / 100**



Einladende reife Zwetschkenfrucht, zarte florale Nuancen, kandierte Orangen zesten, attraktiv. Saftig, Erdbeerkonfit, präsen Tannine, rassiges Säurespiel, sehr mineralisch im Abgang, reife Kirschenfrucht im Nachhall.

28/04/2010 **PERIODIC REVIEW OF WINE (ALAN DURAN) : 89-91 / 100**



The deeply saturated, purple colored Les Ormes de Pez is outstanding and complex! Crème de cassis scents mixed with blueberries and flower proceed to a good, deep, dense, full-bodied wine offering abundant levels of blueberry and cassis fruit. It is rounded, refined, and silky on the palate with nothing out of place. This is another example of how great the wines from St. Estèphe are. Maturity period 2013-2025.

28/04/2010 **WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 88-90 / 100**



A sleeper of the vintage and the best Les Ormes de Pez made in decades, this opaque purple-hued 2009 offers up pure crème de cassis fruit intermixed with hints of charcoal, smoke, and crushed rocks. Medium to full-bodied and pure with good freshness as well as a soft, layered mouthfeel, it will offer delicious drinking over the next 10-15 years. (Tasted three times.) Drink 2010-2025

26/04/2010 **ANTHONY ROSE (ANTHONY ROSE) : 89-91 / 100**



Good youthful ruby colour, freshy and aromatic, dense, firm fruit, muscular and a little dry and tannic on the mid-palate at this stage and yet there's some very attractive red fruits quality there with sexy oak and vivid astringency that makes it hard to call, but has good track record.

09/04/2010 **WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES SUCKLING) : 92-95 / 100**



Superb concentration, with spice, currant and berry character. Full and velvety. So long. At same quality level as the legendary 1955, or 1959.

07/04/2010 **JANCIS ROBINSON (JANCIS ROBINSON) : 17 / 20**



Very dark. Lively and dense and complex. Thick and sweet. Pretty dry finish – arguably more typical St-Estèphe than most. Lots there, not least alcohol, but a wine to reckon with! (17+) Drink 2017-2030

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**Appellation :** AOC Saint-Estèphe  
Cru Bourgeois Exceptionnel

**Domaine :** Château Les Ormes de Pez

Situé aux limites du hameau de Pez au nord de la commune de Saint-Estèphe, la propriété doit son nom à un magnifique bouquet de grands ormes aujourd'hui disparus. Acquis en 1940 par Jean-Charles Cazes, son vignoble s'étend aujourd'hui sur 37 hectares reposant sur un sol de graves garonnaises. La conduite du vignoble et les techniques de vinification associent le meilleur de la tradition et de la modernité pour donner naissance à des vins harmonieux au caractère épicé et voluptueux, expressions authentiques du terroir de leur appellation.

**Superficie :** 35 ha

**Cépages :** 54% Cabernet Sauvignon  
37% Merlot  
7% Cabernet Franc  
2% Petit Verdot

**Âge moyen des vignes :** 35 ans

**Densité de la plantation :** 9000/ha

**Sol :** graves garonnaises

**Vinification :** Vendanges manuelles. Vinification en cuves inox pendant 20 jours.

**Élevage :** 15 mois en barriques de chêne français (45% bois neuf)

