

The vineyard of Château Domeyne is located on a beautiful hill of big gravels and it surrounds the vineyard of Château Calon-Segur. The property confirmed in 2003 its ranking of the 1932 Cru Bourgeois and collects good scores every year. Excellent facilities allow the winemaking of a wine full of nuances and personality.

In 2006, Château Domeyne was bought by Claire Villars Lurton, owner of Château Haut-Bages Liberal and Château Ferrière, 5th Classified Growth of Pauillac and 3rd Classified Growth of Margaux, and her husband Gonzague Lurton, owner of Château Durfort Vivens, 2nd Classified Growth of Margaux. They put all their know-how to lift this wine among the best in the classification of Saint Estèphe. In this new goal of quality, Claire and Gonzague LURTON carry on the challenge to bring to light Château Domeyne.

Owner	Claire et Gonzague LURTON
Production manager	Stefano RUINI
Winemaking consultant	Eric BOISSENOT
Surface of the vineyard	8,3 hectares
Soil	Big clayey gravels
Plantation	60% merlot and 40% cabernet sauvignon
Average age of vineyard	40 years old
Density	10 000 plants/ha
Yield	800 g/plant
Vine growing	Traditional
Harvest	Hand picking. Main sorting on the plant and final sorting on table
Winemaking	Traditional Bordeaux style. In stainless steel and thermo-regulated vats
Fermentation on skins	18 to 24 days
Blending	60% merlot and 40% cabernet sauvignon
Ageing	In oak barrel during 12 months. 25% of new oak
Production	32 700 bottles
Conservation	3 to 15 years



## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VINTAGE

This year is the earliest of the last 5 years. The rainfall from April to September was lower than previous years, 45% less than in 2007. This resulted in a lower yield per plant.

September and October were marked by cool nights, which favored a steady and slow ripening.

The grapes reached high levels of compounds and at the same time expressed a nice freshness.

## COMMENTS

The color is dark garnet. The nose offers aromas of cherry and has density. On the palate, the wine is round, fruity and fresh.

The palate is full bodied with ripe and powerful tannins.

## TASTING SCORES

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