

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 22 days
Blending	60% merlot and 40% cabernet sauvignon
Ageing	In oak barrel during 12 months. 25% of new oak
Production	30 000 bottles
Conservation	3 to 15 years



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VINTAGE

Overall, the Winter of 2010 was cold and dry, thus causing a late start of the vegetation. The bud bursting was quick and constant thanks to a hot Spring. But some heavy rains caused sagging of the merlot. Maturation was slow and steady.

Finally, the grapes were harvested in ideal weather conditions and each plot at its optimal maturity. The levels of the compounds reflected the exceptional climatic conditions of 2010, which rises to the level of the great vintages of reference (2000, 2005 and 2009).

TASTING COMMENTS

2010 gave a very colorful and powerful wine with excellent balance of acid / alcohol / tannins.

A beautiful aromatic freshness with notes of plum and cherry

TASTING SCORES

Wine Spectator 89-92

Neal Martin 87-89

René Gabriel - 16