

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	19 to 23 days
Blending	80% merlot and 20% cabernet sauvignon
Ageing	In oak barrel during 12 months. 25% of new oak
Conservation	3 to 15 years



## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VINTAGE

Winter and Spring were dry. Since the beginning, climatic conditions predicted an early vintage. The water deficit worsened a little more up to July and the high temperatures in June made the vine suffered. The Merlot sagged after flowering because of these unusual dryness and heat. In July, the weather was unstable with rain and thunderstorms. To this was added an episode of hail in early September that caused significant damage to Saint-Estephe. Some rains disrupted the harvest but finally after one week, the weather was more stable and sunny, allowing the grapes to complete their maturation under good conditions, especially for the Cabernet Sauvignon that developed a lot of potential.

2011 experienced unusual weather conditions that ultimately benefited many Cabernet Sauvignons. The grapes had a very good concentration of phenol compounds and very elegant tannins. The challenge of this vintage was a very strict sorting of the grapes. However, there is a lower yield due to the weather, and the berries were rather small with a thick skin.

## TASTING COMMENTS

Roundness and fruity with a nose of black and red berries fruits. The frame is fine with a nice freshness. The wine is elegant with a very Saint-Estèphe finish.

## TASTING SCORES

Vinum – 15

Lobenbergs-Gute Weine – 88 / 89