

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	Thomas BONTEMPS
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	9 000 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	60% merlot and 40% cabernet sauvignon
Ageing	In oak barrel during 12 months. 25% of new oak
Conservation	3 to 15 years



CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VINTAGE

In 2012, after an especially difficult Spring and beginning of Summer, the weather conditions were very favorable for the plants from mid-July.

Indeed, the Winter was very cold and dry, with an important deficit of rainfall. When the temperatures became warmer at the end of Winter, the budburst began but was long. The phenological shift also delayed the flowering, which was very disrupted by rainfall. At the berry set, there was sagging of the merlot and the yields were rather low. Prophylaxis and the balance of the vines played an important role in the control of fungal diseases. The rains stopped in mid-July for more than 2 months, which is extremely rare.

From this date, more favorable temperatures allowed to catch up but the high temperatures of August and especially the lack of water locally slowed the ripening of the young vines that do not have a sufficiently developed root system. Finally, in late September rainfall led to the development of the skin and accelerated the maturation.

The distribution of the harvest on the foot (low yields) and the good condition of the vineyard, combining with a very precise work of sorting, were capital to optimize the quality of the vintage. 2012 is a very good vintage.

TASTING COMMENTS

The color is dense and has a deep red .
On the palate, we have aromas of black fruits, density and tannins, which is still a little tight. The wine is bright . A very fruity final.

TASTING SCORES

Wine Spectator– 87/90

René Gabriel– 16

James Sukling - 86 /87

Le Point - 14