

CHÂTEAU DAUZAC MARGAUX

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855



WINE SPECIFICATION SHEET

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2008

VINTAGE

A wealth of tannins and infinite suppleness
make this wine an exquisite enigma. Powerful and delicate at the same time,
Dauzac wine never cheats, always astonishes and ages marvelously.



Appellation: Margaux
Château: Château Dauzac
Production area: 42 hectares / 104 acres
Soil type: Deep gravel
Rootstock: 101-14, Riparia Gloire and 3309
Fertilizer: Organic fertilizer
Planting density: 10,000 vines per hectare
Average vine age: 25-30 years
Grape varieties on the property: Merlot 60% / Cabernet Sauvignon 40%
Pruning system: "Guyot double" pruning with disbudding
Harvest: By hand in small crates and sorted on tables before and after de-stemming
Fermentation: Fermenting room supplied by gravity-fed wine shed. Fermentation in thermo-regulated, stainless steel vats with a patented cap crumbling system
Fermentation temperature: 27°C / 80.6°F
Malolactic: Yes

Aging: 15 months in barrels (50-80% new depending on the vintage) with racking based on tasting results
Fining: With egg white
Aging potential: Peak expression between 5 and 10 years, to be aged for 15 to 20 years

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Wine style: Bold and intense
Weather: Humidity and cool temperatures can sum up this wine year's weather conditions: most rainfall occurred in April and May (growing season) and summer was cool, particularly in June and August. The heat and drought of September encouraged the ripening of the grapes.
Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon 59% / Merlot 41%
Consulting enologist: Eric Boissenot

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: The Château Dauzac 2008 justifies its classification as a Medoc

Cru Classé once again this year. Concentrated and elegant, it draws on the best qualities of its exceptional terroir and well-balanced vines. It has a dark and very deep color.
Nose: Its nose brings to mind a basket of red and black fruits. Nothing is missing: blackcurrant, cherry, blackberry, raspberry... emphasized by a vanilla woodiness and very well blended.
Mouth-feel: An impressive volume on the palate, yet still supple and without pretense. Its distinguished character is accentuated by persistent notes of smoke and liquorice. It deserves a bit of patience to be enjoyed at its best.

RECOMMENDED FOR:
2015-2030

OUR SUGGESTIONS:

- Vegetables
- Game
- Cheese
- Red meat

RATING AND COMMENTS

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The Wine Guide from Wine & Business Club 2013 (Alain Marty)
11/01/2012 – Rating: 16/20
The Great Ranking of Bordeaux Wines

Vintage 2008
10/01/2012 – Rating: 15.9/20
A dense ruby and garnet color, very shining. An elegant nose of black fruit marmalade, smoke, roasting, almonds and lemon zest. Opens with fatty tannins, spices, leather and roasted flavor on the palate. Smoky, bitter body with nutmeg, liquorice and blueberries. A light, white pepper finish. Tasted in 2012.

The Guide Hachette:
06/01/2011 – Rating: ●●
With its beautiful, dark burgundy color, this 2008 delivers a powerful and complex bouquet that combines very ripe grapes with a little note of animal over a woody background that is still dominant but good. Full-bodied, round and well structured, this promising wine deserves a few years' wait.

Bettane et Desseauve:
Guide to the Best Wines of France
01/15/2011 – Rating: 15.5/20
The 2008 has proved to be refined, with a nice fruit and improvement with aging.

Gault et Millau:
01/15/2011 – Rating: 15.5/20

La Revue du Vin de France:
09/03/2010 – Rating: 15/20
This wine is structured around a bold woodiness. It is smooth on the palate, with strong notes of toasted wood. The ensemble still needs to soften.

Vinum: 06/30/2009 – Rating: 16/20
Compact, dense, ripe tannins, a floral, rose petal finish. Delightful.

Vinifera:
06/30/2009 – Rating: ●●●●
The color is dense. The nose has liquorice, sweet spices and black fruit. Nice continuation on the palate, fluid, elegant and built on a precise foundation. A savory finish with fruity notes, noble and very smooth tannins. One of the vineyard's successes!

Decanter:
06/30/2009 – Rating: ●●●●●
Nice density, rich black fruit, firm and mature tannins, great structure, leather. To be aged for many years. (2015-25)

Le Point:
05/15/2009 – Rating: 16.5/20
Violet, blackberry, blueberry, tender on the palate, elegant, very fruity, a bit tight at the finish, but distinctively Dauzac in its round, voluptuous and seductive style; however, tight and sappy. With an extra touch of acidity, which gives it its finesse. 2017/20 years. (Jacques Dupont)

The Wine Advocate: 05/15/2009 – Rating: from 88 to 91/100
A copious display of fruits, ripe fruits, both red and black, with liquorice, camphor, smoke and grilling with spices that explodes in the glass for this full-bodied and generous 2008—to be enjoyed for the next 15 years. I rarely praise Dauzac, but this wine is certainly one of the forgotten of the vintage that deserves a score of 90 after bottling. (Robert Parker)

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The Wine Spectator:

05/15/2009 – Rating: 87.00 to 90.00/100

Liquorice, gooseberry with a touch of mint. Fairly structured to structured, with silky tannins and a fresh finish. Among the top scorers for the 2008 red Bordeaux.
(James Suckling)

The Wine Enthusiast:

05/15/2009 – Rating: 89.00 to 91.00/100

Dominated by woodiness, the toasted notes are present both in the nose and on the palate; it has potential, so perhaps the fruit will emerge—but not yet.
(Roger Voss)

In Vino Veritas:

06/30/2009
Exceptional quality.

La Revue du Vin de France:

05/15/2009 – Rating: 15 to 16/20

This 42-hectare vineyard has been among the top Margaux wines for several years. Thanks to hard and consistent work on the vines over the last ten years (use of trellises, draining and replanting of a third of the vineyard) and the construction of a cutting edge fermentation room in ≈2004, the wines possess a better intensity and, more importantly, offer more precision today. For this vintage, the wine brings a very nice smoothness in the tannins. The fruit dominates with a discreet woodiness (70% new barrels). Will be delicious in ten years.

Decanter:

05/15/2009 – Rating: 17/20

A dark, blackish-red, a rich and concentrated nose with notes

of blackcurrant, pure and deep, with a good concentration of black fruit on the palate as well as firm, mature tannins. A full-bodied structure and fruit density that is slightly tanned, it will age well and for a long time. To be enjoyed 2015-2025.

Primeurs 2008

An extremely dark garnet color with shades of violet and even black. A sweet, plum nose, a hint of dried fruit indicative of total maturity. Full, imposing aromas coming primarily from a ripe and spicy Cabernet are present on the palate.

A magnificent wine that is one of the best vintages produced by this vineyard.
(René Gabriel)