

Domaine de L'A



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In 1999 werd de topoenoloog STEPHANE DERENONCOURT op slag verliefd op dit kleine domein in Sainte-Colombe. De wijnbouw is er BIODYNAMISCH en er worden geen chemische stoffen gebruikt. Deze zorgvuldige, natuurlijke benadering wordt ook toegepast in het wijnmaken. Het is ongetwijfeld één van de rijzende sterren in de Côtes de Castillon.

Oppervlakte: 10 ha

Druivensoorten: 80% Merlot
20% Cabernet Franc

Bodem: klei en kalk

**Dichtheid van de
beplanting:** 3000 à 6000/ha

**Gemiddelde leeftijd
van de beplanting:** 40 jaar

Vinificatie:

Vinificatie in houten vaten. Malolactische fermentatie deels in inox vaten en deels in houten vaten.

Rijping: 18 maand op eikenhouten vaten sur lies.

Alcoholgehalte: 13,5%

Beschikbare volumes: 0,75L

Verpakking: CB6

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Le Domaine de L'A appartient à STEPHANE DERENONCOURT et son épouse. Il se trouve sur la commune de Ste Colombe. Située sur la côte sud de l'appellation avec un bon dénivelé, la vigne a toujours été soignée en BIO et n'a donc jamais vu d'intervention chimique. L'ensemble du vignoble est travaillé selon les principes de la BIODYNAMIE.



Superficie: 10 ha

Cépages: 80% Merlot
20% Cabernet Franc

Sol: argilo-calcaire

Densité de la plantation: 3000 à 6000/ha

Âge Moyen des vignes: 40 ans

Vinification:

Vinification dans des cuves en bois. Fermentation malo-lactique se fait en partie en cuve, et en partie en barrique.

Elevage: 18 mois en barriques

Taux d'alcool: 13,5%

Volumes disponibles: 0,75L

Conditionnement: CB6

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SCORES - JAAR

30/04/2015 WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 89 / 100



Nice black cherry and blackberry fruits are present in this dense ruby/purple wine from winemaking consultant/guru Stéphane Derenoncourt. Quite fleshy, chunky, with lots of depth, ripe fruit and purity, this is a big, lovely, medium to full-bodied, fleshy, mouth-filling wine that represents excellent value. Drink it over the next 4-5 years.

15/02/2015 JAMESSUCKLING.COM (JAMES SUCKLING) : 91 / 100



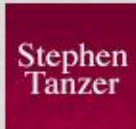
A Bordeaux displaying intense aromas and flavors of cooked strawberries and raspberries with floral and mineral notes. Hints of toasted oak. Full body with silky tannins, lovely acidity and an intense, textured finish. Drink in 2018.

31/12/2014 WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES MOLESWORTH) : 90 / 100



Well built, with solid density for the vintage, this lets a core of dark plum sauce, steeped currant and blackberry coulis play out, while hints of charcoal, anise and smoldering tobacco line the fleshy finish. A solid effort. Drink now through 2018. 1,900 cases made.

30/06/2013 STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR (IAN D'AGATA) : 89-91 / 100



Medium-deep ruby. Sexy aromas of black fruits, cocoa, cinnamon and violet. Broad and supple but with a light touch to its musky dark berry and plum flavors. Sappy and energetic but at the same time almost creamy on the long finish. A very strong showing for this wine in 2012; it's far above the quality level of many other wines from the Right Bank satellites in this vintage.

06/05/2013 WINE ADVOCATE (NEAL MARTIN) : 89-91 / 100



Stéphane Derenoncourt's "baby", the Domaine de l'A has a very pure, engaging bouquet with subtle floral notes that develop in the glass. The palate is medium-bodied with supple, ripe tannins. The creamy oak is well integrated and politely remains in the background, lending the dark plum and cassis fruit the lift it needs. Class winemaking here in a challenging vintage. Tasted April 2013.

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30/04/2013 WINE SPECTATOR (JAMES MOLESWORTH) : 87-90 / 100



The bright, lively cherry and raspberry fruit is laced with bergamot notes and flashes of rooibos tea. Shows lively acidity, with a pure finish. —J.M.

26/04/2013 WINE ADVOCATE (ROBERT PARKER) : 88-91 / 100



Low yields of 27 hectoliters per hectare produced a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc from Stephane Derenoncourt's home property, which includes south-facing hillside vineyards in the sector of Castillon known as Ste.-Colombe. This 2012 hit the scales at 13.5% natural alcohol. It exhibits lots of heady black cherry and black currant fruit intermixed with licorice, graphite, cedar wood and damp earth/underbrush notes. An opulent, fleshy, medium-bodied wine with soft tannins as well as a layered, persistent finish, it should drink well for 7-8 years. Drink: 2013 - 2021

26/04/2013 THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER (JEFF LEVE) : 88-90 / 100



Owned by renowned consultant Stephane Derenoncourt and Christine Derenoncourt. Produced from a blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc, the wine reached 13.5% alcohol and will be aged in 100% new French oak. Spicy red and dark fruits, coffee bean, and earthy notes are in the forefront. On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied, soft and delivers a mineral-driven, plummy finish. 88-90 Pts

25/04/2013 MY BETTANE + DESSEAUVE : 16,5-17 / 20



Très belle texture raffinée, élégance subtile, caractère presque crémeux, allonge souple à la suavité racée.

22/04/2013 DECANTER.COM : 16,5 / 20



Reserved nose. Medium bodied. Fine tannic frame. Astutely judged. 16.5/20pts (88/100pts) Drink: 2017 - 2024 Taster: James Lawther MW