

Chateau Pavie Macquin and Chateau Larcis Ducasse Tasting



Date	:	Thursday, 13 th November 2014
Time	:	6:00pm to 8:00pm
Venue	:	21/F Hong Kong Wine Vault (Tin Wan)
No. of Attendees	:	60
Wines Tasted	:	2011 Pavie Macquin (Robert Parker 92pts) 2010 Pavie Macquin (Robert Parker 95pts) 2005 Pavie Macquin (Robert Parker 98pts) 2011 Larcis Ducasse (Robert Parker 90pts) 2010 Larcis Ducasse (Robert Parker 98pts) 2005 Larcis Ducasse (Robert Parker 98pts) 2011 Berliquet 2010 Berliquet 2011 La Prade 2011 Puygueraud

It was our great pleasure to have Mr. Cyrille Thienpont to present the premium wines from two Saint Emilion Premier Grand Cru Classe: **Château Pavie Macquin** and **Château Larcis Ducasse**. Both Estates are under the guidance by the teams of Stéphane Derenoncourt who take care of vinification and Nicolas Thienpont (Cyrille's father) who manage the properties respectively.



Château Pavie Macquin is one of 3 vineyards which were once part of an estate owned by Ferdinand Bouffard, a 19th Century Bordeaux négociant. Bouffard's estate included a variety of plots, including the Fayard Tallesman, Pimpinelle, Dussaut, Pigasse and Larcis Bergey vineyards. Whilst most of these vineyards were consolidated to form **Château Pavie**, 2 remained distinct; Pigasse vines, which formed the basis for **Château Pavie Decesse**, and the Chapus Pavie vineyard.

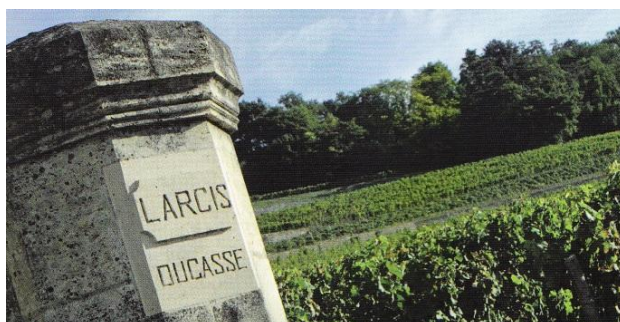


This vineyard was bought by Albert Macquin who was famous today for more than being attached to a St. Emilion chateau. Albert Macquin was a true pioneer and deserved much of the credit for solving the phylloxera epidemic. It was his idea to graft vines needed onto rootstocks. This helped save not only

St. Emilion, but much of Bordeaux and the vineyards of Europe from the devastation being caused by the by nonstop phylloxera attack.

This 15 hectare St. Emilion vineyard of Pavie Macquin is situated on the St. Emilion plateau. Pavie Macquin has a complex terroir which features 9 different types of soil, most of it is made from clay and limestone. The vineyards of Château Pavie Macquin are planted at a vine density of 6,600 vines per hectare. They have old vines, many are on average, close to 40 years of age. The vineyard is planted to 84% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc and 2% Cabernet Sauvignon. The vines are farmed organically with sustainable farming techniques being practiced. Having risen in esteem, the estate was promoted to Premier Grand Cru Classé in 2006.





The know-how accumulated over centuries of experience, highlighted the different terroirs apt to produce great wines. The vineyard of **Château Larcis Ducasse** is situated on one of the slopes renowned to have made the reputation of St. Emilion.

In the 16th century, the wines of the property were greatly appreciated and sought after and in 1867, the wine was awarded a gold medal at the Universal Exhibition in Paris. In the 18th century, the Raba family, living in Bordeaux, made their fortune in commerce and maritime transport and in 1893, Henri Raba, a lover of great wines, bought Château Larcis Ducasse. His passion led him to invest a great part of his fortune in the Château and at his death in 1925, his wife and then his son André kept the flame burning. André died during the war, leaving no children, thus it was his niece, Hélène Gratiot Alphandéry, who inherited the property in 1941. She in her turn managed the property along with cellar-master Pharaon Roche and her son, Jacques Olivier Gratiot, director with l'Oréal and member of the Jurade, became manager in 1990. Under his guidance, the long tradition of quality that characterised the wines of Larcis Ducasse was not only maintained but also improved.

Today, the Château Larcis Ducasse is owned by the Gratiot Alphandéry family and since 2002 the property has been under the management of Nicolas Thienpont and only 10 years after the new team arrived, the Château Larcis Ducasse was promoted to Premier Grand Cru Classé in the 2012 Classification of St. Emilion wines, thus recognised by its peers and rewarded for its quality wines and exceptional terroir.

Along with consultants – Stéphane Derenoncourt, Nicolas Thienpont and his teams continues the efforts made up until now to enhance the quality of the wines. They undertook a detailed study of the terroirs of the vineyards, implemented important renovations both in the vines and in the cellars and built up a strong team.



Nicolas Thienpont (left) and Stéphane Derenoncourt (right)

Aware of the potential of the terroir of the estates, they use traditional methods in tandem with innovation in order to unlock the greatness of these terroir.

2011 Berliquet

Fresh, a delicious bouquet of red fruit, plums and cherries on the palate, medium-bodied with supple textures with rounded finish.

2011 La Prade

It shows the musky aromas of smoky, cherries and earth notes, licorice, soft and moderate tannin that can be approachable when its youthful!

2011 Puygueraud

Fresh aromas of raspberry, licorice and tobacco on the nose, medium weight, redcurrant and licorice flavors on the palate, supple tannins with very good length.

2011 Pavie Macquin

A blend of 85% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc and 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

It exhibits dense purple-colored, a beautiful nose of crushed plums, blackberry and a touch of floral notes, rich, super-concentrated and loads of fruit on the palate, silky tannin that are well integrated. This good wine is also one to keep an eye on!

2011 Larcis Ducasse

It shows the distinctive peppery, red berries and spicy on the nose, the palate is medium-bodied, rich, concentrated and ripe tannin that are well-balanced, the length is impressive and fresh note on the finish.

2010 Berliquet

A blend of 70% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

It exhibits the musky aromas of red cherries and cedar on the nose, super rounded and smooth tannin followed by licorice flavor, drinking beautifully now!

2010 Pavie Macquin

It appears intense color, nose with lots of developments, licorice, smoky, and black fruits flavors, medium to full-bodied, powerful and spicy at the end taste.

2010 Larcis Ducasse

The 2010 shows lots of blackberry, licorice and crème de cassis on the nose, the palate is rounded on the entry, good concentration, moderate tannin with well-balanced, and excellent length on the finish.

2005 Pavie Macquin

It appears the black/purple-colored, accompanied by aromas of smoky, dark berries and licorice characters, decent acidity, sweet, impressive concentrated and complex with lengthy finish goes on and on.

2005 Larcis Ducasse

It offers up a succession of delicate aromas of herbs, licorice, crème de cassis and a touch of floral notes. Full-bodied, rich, sweet, finesse, ripe tannin and layered-textures. Delicious, brilliant finish!