

Chateau Le Dome Tasting



Date : Wednesday, 31st May 2017
Time : 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Venue : 21/F Hong Kong Wine Vault (Tin Wan)
No. of Attendees : 60
Wines Tasted : Chateau Teyssier 2014
Chateau Teyssier 2011
Chateau Laforge 2014
Chateau Laforge 2010
Les Asteries 2012
Les Asteries 2008
Vieux Chateau Mazerat 2012
Vieux Chateau Mazerat 2008
Chateau Le Dome 2011
Chateau Le Dome 2006



Jonathan Maltus, originally an Englishman from Africa, in his thirties he met a vigneron from the South West of France who changed his path for good. In Lieu of payment for his help he received intensive practical study in viticulture and oenology. Two years later, he purchased Chateau Teyssier, a Saint-Emilion Grand Cru in need renovation. That it has had – the vineyard has been increased to ten times its former size and now has a

state-of-the-art winery. The “garage” revolution of the 1990’s, started in Saint-Emilion, was an “engine for change” in winemaking and the impact of this has been heard throughout the world of wine. Jonathan was in the middle of this movement with his sought-after wine Le Dome being one of the top-three cult wines from Saint-Emilion. Now, he became a very well-known right bank vintner and owns a myriad of Chateau including Le Dome, Teyssier, Laforge, Vieux Chateau Mazerat, Les Asteries and World’s End in Napa Valley.



Le Dome is the benchmark wine of Jonathan Maltus, with its debut in the year 1996. This is allegedly the biggest expression of Cabernet Franc in Bordeaux. To further concentrate the wine by keeping yield low, the annual production of Le Dome is a mere 1,000 cases per vintage and the “2010 Le Dome” has related to win a perfect 100 score by Robert Parker in 2013!

Vieux Chateau Mazerat is the mother-vineyard of Le Dome, surrounded by Chateau Canon on three sides and by Chateau Angelus on the west. The vineyard is planted to 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. Vieux Chateau Mazerat is a powerful, strong, minerality driven Bordeaux wine from Saint-Emilion that may require some age to release its potential.



Chateau Teyssier is the flagship property of Jonathan Maltus. The vineyard is planted to 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc, 15,000 cases are produced each vintage. Chateau Teyssier has been praised by Tim Atkin, British Master of Wine as “It’s consistently one of the most enjoyable St.-Emilions around”.

Chateau Laforge is the most senior blended wine of Jonathan Maltus, the grape varieties are 92% Merlot and 8% Cabernet Franc. The wine of Chateau Laforge also represents the largest amount of Merlot – as Andrew Jefford, the writer, stated – “Maltus’s Merlot babe”!

Les Asteries is the first micro-cuvee wine in Jonathan Maltus’s “Single Vineyard Series”, with its official debut in 2005. The vineyard is planted to 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc. The wine of Les Asteries exhibits a fantastic mineral quality. Only 350 cases of Les Asteries is produced per vintage, making this a rare item on the market.



It was our great pleasure to have Mr. Jonathan Maltus (front at left picture), owner of Chateau Le Dome to present their premium wines to us.

Chateau Teyssier 2014

A blend of 70% Merlot and 30% Cabernet Franc – It shows the musky aromas of red cherries and licorice, the palate is medium weight, silk tannin, supple textures with rounded finish.

Chateau Teyssier 2011

It displays blue/purple color, lots of red fruits characters on the nose. Smoky, soft-textured with moderate tannin that is well balanced.

Chateau Laforge 2014

A blend of 92% Merlot and 8% Cabernet Franc -- It exhibits dense purple colored, a beautiful nose of berries, cassis and coffee notes. The palate is medium-bodied, black berry, gorgeous texture and long lingering finish.

Chateau Laforge 2010

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.

Les Asteries 2012

A blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc – This single vineyard wine emerges from 80 years old vines, it reveals a beautifully nose of blackcurrant, intense spicy and licorice. Medium to full-bodied, rich, well-structured and subtle smoky at the end taste.

Les Asteries 2008

It appears a dense blue/purple colored along with gorgeous nose of blackcurrant, spicy and a touch of crème de cassis. The palate is medium weight, minerality, elegant with moderate tannin that is well integrated.

Vieux Chateau Mazerat 2012

A blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Franc -- This 2012 displays the musky aromas of black fruits, floral and earthy on the nose. Medium weight, chocolate, spicy, tannic and layered-textures.

Vieux Chateau Mazerat 2008

It offers up a succession of delicate aromas of black currant, licorice, spicy and a touch of toasty oak. The palate is medium-bodied, finesse with silky tannin that is well balanced, drinking beautifully now!

Le Dome 2011

A blend of 80% Cabernet Franc and 20% Merlot – This 2011 boasts gorgeously juicy blue, black fruits intermixed with floral and spicy notes. Medium to full-bodied, dark chocolate, minerality, good concentration with excellent length on the finish!

Le Dome 2006

The dense ruby/red color accompanied by the beautiful nose of blackberry, licorice, plums and menthol flavors. Medium weight, chocolate, finesse and silky tannin that are well-integrated.