

96-97

« Nez très noyau de cerise, floral et frais, sur **une finesse d'expression qui nous fait vraiment retrouver l'identité Larcis**. Bouche traçante, élancée. Une jolie matière séveuse, un peu racinaire, convoquant la fleur séchée, une touche d'épice voire de poivre, et bien sûr la minéralité saillante de ce terroir. **Un crayeux délicat dans la texture, et une acidité mordante qui tient le vin sans le préempter**. Amers de bâton de réglisse et d'orange sanguine en finale. »

**Mathieu Doumenge, Terre de Vins, mai 2022**

94-96

« La robe est plus sombre que la moyenne des vins du millésime. Le nez floral est teinté de notes de fruits rouges (fraise, cerise). L'exposition sud a permis de conserver de la chair autour de la colonne vertébrale du vin. **Les tanins sont crémeux, élégants. Beaucoup de distinction** dans une finale aux notes de chlorophylle. »

**Karine Valentin, La Revue du Vin de France, mai 2022**

94-96

« Violette, fruits frais, très beau nez complexe et élégant avec des notes de cassis et de mure à l'aération. Entrée de bouche veloutée et juteuse puis la tension et l'acidité se font jour pour offrir une très jolie empreinte calcaire et une finale aérienne et élégante. **Superbe Larcis avec du fond et de la race.** »

**Yohan Castaing, Anthocyanes, mai 2022**

96

“Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Expressive nose with distinct fruit, blackberries, mulberries, ripe plums and black cherries, vanilla and hints of fine toasting. On the palate well structured with ripe yet firm tannins, **juicy fruit**, discreet spiciness and **chalky minerality**.”

**Markus del Monego MW, mai 2022**

94-95

“This is medium-to full-bodied with firm, silky tannins. Already has an expressive nose of blackcurrants, blackberries, white pepper, cloves and black licorice. **Salty minerality. Fresh and fine. Spicy finish. Lengthy, too.** 86% merlot and 14% cabernet franc.”

**James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, mai 2022**

95-97

« **Beaucoup de finesse, de détails dans le bouquet de Larcis**. Il commence par révéler son légendaire terroir calcaire au travers de nuances crayeuses suivies de parfums de mûres, de groseilles et de pivoines. Caractère crémeux en attaque. **Le vin est juteux, salin, vif et doté de tanins qui se révèlent lentement en fin de bouche**. Ils sont en symbiose avec la tension de la structure acide qui confère un caractère salivant à l'ensemble du palais. Un Larcis tendu, élégant paré pour quelques décennies. **Quelle belle réussite ! 2027-2051** »

**Yves Beck, Beckustator, mai 2022**

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**Bernard Burtschy, mai 2022**

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**Jacques Perrin, 1000 plateaux, mai 2022**

94

“Not giving too much away yet but there are layers here, and plump if restrained fruit, lots of white pepper, blueberry, blackcurrant. **We are still in sculpted, subdued territory, but this is luscious and finessed and has all the elements to plump out over ageing.** Clear salinity, oyster shell and crushed rocks. To achieve this, they chose not to use their plots right on the austere limestone plateau, but selected from the richer clay ‘molasses de fronsadais’ on the slopes, and also not from the sandier areas at the bottom of the slopes. 34hl/h yield, 65% 1st wine a little less than usual, 50% new oak. Harvest September 29 to October 11. Tasted three times, excellent quality.”

**Jane Anson, JaneAnson.com, mai 2022**

94

“Heady and fresh bramble fruits, herbal and savoury on the nose, some earthy tones with soft floral specks. Succulent, touching on sharp and sour, a hit of bright blackberry and blueberry and plum on the palate, searing but not unbalanced in terms of acidity. **I love the gentle but bitter and stony flavour you get,** it’s a darker style with serious complexity on the palate and nuance of flavour. **A confident wine, clearly concentrated and powerful but also sleek! A great effort.** Tasted three times.”

**Georgina Hindle, Decanter, mai 2022**

93-94

“**Larcis Ducasse is a black pearl found in the limestone highlands, emitting a warm glow even in a cool vintage.** I love the delicate expression found in the 2021 bottle. Besides the never-ending chalky tannins, it also possesses a seductive roundness. The rosy palate is exactly what I’m looking for. Even the fruit aromas are a bit plain, it still touches my heart.”

**Alexandre Ma, AlexandreMa.com, mai 2022**

93-95+

“**I think one of the undeniable successes in the vintage is the 2021 Château Larcis Ducasse, which hails from a magical terroir** on the south-facing hillside just outside of Saint-Emilion. There’s slightly more clay here, so Larcis-Ducasse always shows a ample density and power. [...] Sporting a dense purple hue as well as powerful aromatics of darker currants, chocolate, tobacco, and damp earth, it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, admirable concentration, ripe tannins, and a great finish. **Tasted on numerous occasions, it never failed to impress, and this is one to seek out.**”

**Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, mai 2022**

93-95

“Saline and calcareous, wild and racy, bright and energetic, lithe and dynamic. **A fabulous and fascinating wine.** Here the somewhat elevated acidity really works, bringing added vibrancy and vitality to the densely packed, broad and impressively concentrated mid-palate. The limestone tannins, as ever here, chisel and carve a path through the compact fruit, giving this a very architectural feel and, as ever with Larcis Ducasse, one has the impression that one is only really sensing the structure at this very early stage. The tannin management is excellent (as it needs to be with a wine like this); this is one of the few genuine vins de garde of the vintage.”

**Colin Hay, The Drinks Business, mai 2022**

92-94

“A blend of 86% Merlot and 14% Cabernet Franc, the 2021 Larcis Ducasse wafts from the glass with aromas of cherries, blackberries, violets, warm spices and forest floor. Medium to full-bodied, **deep and attractively layered, with lively acids and a chalky, saline finish, this is a terrific effort.** Nicolas Thienpont and his team were extremely selective this year, and the grand vin derives almost entirely from the slope, without much contribution from the plateau above.”

**William Kelley, Wine Advocate, mai 2022**

93-95

“(…) It opens with a nose of sweet, dark and focused fruits, blackcurrants dusted with icing sugar, as well as a little minty lift of white peach and citrus peel. The palate is really convincing, dark, savoury and textured, almost brooding in fact, the midpalate continuing this impressive theme, with a ripe and tightly knit bed of tannins underneath it all. Dark and sooty in the finish, with a coating of dry, grippy but correct tannins, and good length, **this is a truly excellent result for the vintage. A stand-out wine for 2021.** Tasted twice, with an excellent showing each time. The alcohol level is about 14.5%, similar to neighbouring Pavie and again an indicator of the success of the Côte de Pavie in this vintage.

**Chris Kissack, Wine Doctor, mai 2022**

92-95

« Un bouquet complexe et profond de fruits mûrs, de fleurs (pois de senteur, violette) et de chocolat. Une finesse qui se retrouve en bouche dans une matière vibrante, équilibrée entre acidité et tanins satinés. **Une densité impressionnante, compensée par un côté féminin bienvenu, très suave.** »

**Ella Lister et Béatrice Delamotte, Le Figaro Vin, mai 2022**

92-94

“Oyster shell, crushed rocks, flowers, smoke, licorice, espresso roasted cherries, and plums create the complex aromatic profile. **On the palate, this is a finesse-styled vintage,** medium-bodied, plummy with a savory edge to the black cherries on the mid-palate and in the oceanic finish. The wine blends 86% Merlot with 14% Cabernet Franc, 13.5% ABV. The harvest took place September 29–October 9. Drink from 2026–2044.”

**Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider, mai 2022**

93

« Couleur sombre, intense et belle. Nez moyennement aromatique et fruité. **Délicat en entrée de bouche, minutieux au milieu, très fruité, le vin évolue juteux, agréable, caressant** et un peu discret dans la persistance. »

**Jean-Marc Quarin, Quarin.com, mai 2022**

91-93

“The 2021 was picked from 29 September until 11 October at a respectable 34 hL/ha, representing 65% of the total production this year. It has an almost gentle, atypically understated bouquet with brambly red fruit, wilted rose petal and light undergrowth scents. The palate is linear and structured, far removed from the occasionally opulent Larcis Ducasse of warming seasons. Quite saline in the mouth, this is distinguished by a liberal sprinkling of cracked black and Spanish Padron pepper towards the finely persistent finish. **Classy and full of character.**”

**Neal Martin, Vinous, mai 2022**

91-93

“Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2021 Larcis Ducasse opens with delicate scents of wild blueberries and Morello cherries, leading to notions of star anise, lilacs and tree bark. Medium-bodied, **the palate is soft and well balanced with bright fruit and a fragrant finish.**”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent, mai 2022**

92

“Dark ruby, purple tinge to rim. Ripe dark wild berries with hints of plum, delicate orange peel and blackberry compote undertow. Medium-bodied, ripe cherry fruit, a hint of sweetness, **fresh, well-structured, fine tannins, balanced with excellent length.** Good ageing potential.”

**Peter Moser, Falstaff, mai 2022**

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**Bettane et Desseauve, mai 2022**

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« **Pureté du fruit**, ronce, végétal frais, amer fin, mûre, beaucoup de chair, réglisse, complet, un peu austère à ce stade. »

**Olivier Bompas, Le Point, mai 2022**

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**Weingabriel, mai 2022**