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« Vinifié dans la nouvelle cuverie, essentiellement dans les cuves ciment.

Matière savoureuse et riche en pulpe, équilibre distingué. La finale florale a de la classe. »

Bettane & Desseauve, En Magnum, mai 2024

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"What strikes you about this wine is the center-palate and the purity of cool fruit notes, such as brambleberry and orange peel. Medium body. Whole and layered with ultra-fine tannins leading to a silky texture and persistent finish."

James Suckling, James Suckling.com, mai 2024

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"The 2023 L'If is unusually floral and refined for a wine that has, in the past, been darker and more ample in structure. Cedar, tobacco, crushed flowers and mint add lift and aromatic presence. Silky tannins create an impression of finesse. The 2023 represents the first year of vinification in the new cellar outfitted with cement vats. **Overall, though, this wine feels like a new chapter for L'If. The vibrancy and energy here are palpable.** Tasted two times."

Antonio Galloni, Vinous, avril 2024

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"The 2023 L'If was picked from September 18 to 27 for the Merlot. The Cabernet Franc was picked on October 2. The wine aged for 12 to 16 months in 50% new oak, the first time in the new cellar in concrete vats instead of stainless steel. It has quite an exuberant bouquet with ripe red cherry and wild strawberry fruit, a hint of blood orange and iris flower. It is very focused and beautifully defined, the limestone terroir percolating through. The palate is medium-bodied with the Cabernet Franc shaping the entry-a little peppery in style. The tannins are quite strict at the moment (which came as some surprise to the Thienponts), framing the dark berry and graphite-tinged fruit. Linear toward the finish, **reflecting the slightly cooler growing season, this is a very fine, cerebral L'If.**"

Neal Martin, Vinous, avril 2024

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« Un noyau profond de fruits luxueux, qui s'ouvre vers une légèreté florale et une précision minérale. Cette précision persiste en bouche : magnifiquement contenue par un corset en soie fine, puis la densité de la matière commence à déborder. La fraîcheur est parfaitement jugée. »

Ella Lister, Le Figaro, mai 2024



L'IF

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"Vibrancy and luscious fruit, there is juice here but it feels sinewy, bound up in the structure and tannins, has a feeling of energy, salinity, it's mouthwatering and **determined to make you smile**. 50% new oak, harvest September 18 to October 2. First year with the new cellar, 40hl/h yield, no mildew issues here, 50% new oak for ageing. 3.37ph."

Jane Anson, Inside Bordeaux, avril 2024

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"The 2023 L'If, crafted by Cyrille Thiepont and originating from vines owned by Jacques Thienpont, unveils a dark bouquet of licorice, darkwild berries, pencil lead, coniferous forest, spices and oak. Medium to full-bodied, creamy and unctuous, it's rich and concentrated with a fleshy core of fruit framed by powdery tannins, culminating in a long, mineral, chalky finish. This is a blend of 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc."

William Kelley, Wine Advocate, mai 2024

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"Quite floral in its nature, the wine is spicy, fresh, floral, and exuberant in the nose. On the palate, it is easy to see all the lift, and energy in the wine. The red berries have a vibrancy that gives energy, and length, paired with purity, and a refreshing, spicy endnote. This remains one of the new stars of St. Emilion and is a wine to follow before prices jump. The wine blends 80% Merlot with 20% Cabernet Franc, 14.1% ABV, pH 3.37. The harvest took place September 18-October 2. Drink from 2028-2050."

Jeff Leve, The Wine Cellar Insider, mai 2024

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"Very beautiful. A lot of vineyard restructuration has taken place here and one now feels that a new kind of harmony has been achieved. A lovely wild herbal element, quite a tight frame, very mineral and fresh, chiselled by the pure calcaire tannins. Lovely texturally, this is shimmering and limpid, glistening and plush, with ripples of freshness and broad sheets of fine-textured silk. A brilliantly detailed bright dark berry fruit – brambles and blackberry above all. Wondrous texture with lovely fine-grained powdery chalky tannins. L'If is no longer a work in progress. Vivid and bright but never austere or strict, this is delicate and refined where other limestone Saint Émilions are typically a little austere. Joyous."

Colin Hay, The Drinks Business, mai 2024



L'IF

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"The previous vintages of L'IF always exuded a rich and opulent character, yet the 2023 vintage has taken on a fresh, delicate, and luminous demeanor. Despite being aged in 50% new oak barrels, there's no trace of toasted aromas; instead, the tannins have become even more velvety. With the assistance of high acidity, flavors of cherry, plum, raspberry, and hawthorn dance lively on the palate, akin to children bursting out of the classroom after school. The subtle touch of limestone powder is just perfect, showcasing the terroir while leaving no trace, making it **one of my most cherished discoveries in recent years.**"

Alexandre Ma, AlexandreMa.com, mai 2024

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"Intense purple colour with violet hue and almost black core. Very elegant nose with fine floral hints and ripe fruit, juicy plums and blackberries, mild spices and subtle oak. On the palate well structured with ripe and sweet berries, plums and black cherries, hints of blackcurrants pursinthe background. Well structured with freshness and ripe tannins, sweet fruit and subtle oak. Excellent length."

Markus del Monego