

# 1001 WINES

## YOU MUST TRY BEFORE YOU DIE

We are extremely pleased to tell you that we have been written up in a new book '1001 Wines to try before you die'. The General Editor is Neil Beckett and the preface by Hugh Johnson who says:

“1001 Wines You Must Try Before You die is a selection that ranges from new discoveries to bottles so outstanding they remain benchmarks after half a century. No one can keep up with all the annual additions to the world’s wine list. To be listed here, though, wines must have a record of high quality and, even more important, distinctive character. You may never taste them all, but it is certainly time to start.”



## L'Enclos de Chateau Lezongars 2001

**Origin** France, Bordeaux, Premieres Cotes de Bordeaux

**Style** Dry red wine, 13% ABV

**Grapes** Merlot 70%, C.Franc 15%, C.Sauvignon 15%

This attractive property, set within the village of Villenave-de-Rions in the hills above the Garonne, was bought by a British couple, Philip and Sarah Iles, in 1998. They still run the property, aided by their son Russell.

The basic Lezongars is aged for nine months in one-third new barriques. The best barrels are given longer barrel aging and released under the L'Enclos de Chateau Lezongars label. Since 2000, there has also been Special Cuvee, sourced from the most gravely slopes on the property, made almost entirely from Merlot, and aged in a much higher proportion of new oak.

Given the short time that the family has been running the property, its progress has been swift and impressive. Admittedly, the special Cuvee seems something of a marketing exercise, but the premium L'enclos has been a very consistent wine in quality and style, it exhibits sweet, elegant, cherry aromas, a rounded fleshy texture, good but not excessive fruit concentration, and a long, spicy finish. Moreover, the price makes it eminently affordable: a fine, modern-style claret to enjoy relatively young. SBr

**Drink : 2012**