



Château Latour is situated in the heart of the Médoc wine region, about 50 km north-west of Bordeaux, where the legend of the vineyards of Bordeaux began. The Château's prime terroir, *l'Enclos*, overlooks the Gironde Estuary which, over the centuries, has given the vineyard its geological complexity and, on a daily basis, ensures a mild climate.

In the years since 1993, under the leadership of the Pinault family, the estate's owner, significant changes have been made with a view to maintaining Château Latour's pursuit of excellence in the wines that it produces.



CHATEAU LATOUR

— 2016 VINTAGE —

The wines produced in 2016 show remarkable purity and concentration and will not be easily forgotten. A mild and wet winter coupled with a cool March led to the Merlot bud break occurring on 24th March and the Cabernet-Sauvignon on 30th March. Fine and warm weather early May speeded up vegetative growth, though stormy conditions during the second half of the month increased disease pressure. The first week of June was dry with temperatures between 20-25°C and this brought on the flowering - the Merlot vines were in mid-bloom on 6th June. Further to 28mm of potentially-damaging rainfall during the night of 6th/7th June, the Cabernet-Sauvignon followed suit on 7th June. July was exceptionally hot and dry though good soil water reserves enabled the vines to resist these extreme weather conditions. Early August, 8mm of beneficial rain accelerated the ripening process with the Merlot berries changing colour on 10th August and the Cabernet-Sauvignon two days later. September was sunny and warm, but just as signs of hydric and thermal stress were becoming noticeable, 35mm of rain provided some relief for the vines so the grapes continued ripening in optimal conditions.

HARVEST

Harvest took place in ideal weather from 22nd to 30th September for the Merlot and 7th to 19th October for the Cabernet- Sauvignon.

BLEND

92.9 % Cabernet-Sauvignon, 7.1 % Merlot

TASTING COMMENT

Deep and dark in colour, this 2016 Château Latour has a very sensuous nose of violets and rose petals with blueberries, black olives and a chalky minerality. On the palate this regal wine has an incredible complexity and concentration of flavours with a backbone of focused, taut tannins and a long-lasting, bright finish.