



# Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

## BÂTARD-MONTRACHET GRAND CRU

1996

- REGION Côte de Beaune
- VILLAGE Puligny-Montrachet
- APPELLATION Bâtard-Montrachet Grand Cru
- GRAPE VARIETY Chardonnay

### *The Vine*

- AVERAGE VINE AGE 40 years
- SOIL Gravel, limestone base.
- AVERAGE YIELD 35 hl/ha
- HARVEST Hand picked

### *Vinification & Ageing*

- FERMENTATION Traditional in oak barrels with complete malolactic fermentation
- AGEING 8 to 10 months ageing in oak barrels, 100% new
- BARRELS Louis Latour cooperage, French oak, medium toasted

### *Description*

The Grand Cru vineyard of Bâtard-Montrachet lies between the picturesque villages of Puligny-Montrachet and Chassagne-Montrachet, home to the world's greatest white wines. Only a small country lane separates this 11.86 hectare vineyard from the great Montrachet itself. Its gentle easterly-facing slope is made up of a deep, rich, gravelly soil which has a limestone base, world renowned for the production of high quality Chardonnay.

### *Wine tasting*

- TASTING NOTE This is a highly complex wine with a multiplicity of flavours ranging from a rich buttery character to a subtle hint of grilled almonds. It has a concentrated creamy fruit character and a lingering finish. It is both powerful and restrained.
- FOOD PAIRING Pan-fried sea scallops - saffroned monkfish - lobster thermidor.
- SERVING TEMPERATURE 12-14°

### *Press review*

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