



# Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

## CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU

2006

- **REGION** Côte de Beaune
- **VILLAGE** Aloxe-Corton
- **APPELLATION** Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru
- **GRAPE VARIETY** Chardonnay

### *The Vine*

- **AVERAGE VINE AGE** 30 years
- **SOIL** Stony limestone.
- **AVERAGE YIELD** 40 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*

After the ravages of the phylloxera epidemic at the end of the 19th century the Latour family took the then, unusual decision to tear up the dead Aligoté and Pinot Noir vines, and replace them with Chardonnay. This decision led them to create one of Burgundy's most celebrated white whites.

Today the Latour family owns 10.5 hectares which makes them the biggest owner in the appellation. The Latour's Corton-Charlemagne vineyards are located on a prime section of the Corton hillside where the south-easterly aspect ensures maximum exposure to the sun. The fruit is harvested as late as possible to guarantee maximum ripeness.

### *Wine tasting*

- **TASTING NOTE** An ample and powerful nose. The mouth offers a rich palette of aromas: fresh almond, honey and melted vanilla. The wine is very well-structured. It is already harmonious but be patient if you want to fully enjoy it: it needs a few more years to reach its peak and to fully express its complexity. Tasted in May 2008.
- **CELLARING POTENTIAL** 10-15 years
- **FOOD PAIRING** Shellfish - lobster - foie gras - fish - mature cheeses.
- **SERVING TEMPERATURE** 12-14°

### *Press review*

- Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2006 - Target Magazine - January 2011 - "Ideal for ageing"
- Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2006 - Vin Mat & Vanner - 92/100
- Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2006 - Burghound.com - July 2009- 92/100
- Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2006 - Wine Advocate - December 31st 2008- 90-91/100
- Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2006 - Wine Enthusiast - October 2008 - 95/100
- Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2006 - Wine Spectator - June 24th, 2008 - 89-92/100
- Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2006 - Jancis Robinson - February 2008 - 17+/20

