

Echo de Lynch Bages 2019

CSPC# 866181

6X750ml

14.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety
Appellation
Classification
Website
General Info

53% Merlot, 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc
Pauillac
2nd wine - Grand Cru Classé
<https://www.lynchbages.com/en/echo>

Château Haut-Bages Averous was the name of the former Pauillac estate acquired by André Cazes and was the Domaine's second wine from 1976 onwards. It was renamed Echo de Lynch-Bages as of the 2008 vintage in order to affirm its relationship with the Grand Cru Classé. Its name Echo refers to the nymph from Greek mythology who was deprived of speech by Hera as a punishment for distracting her when Zeus wished to consort with beautiful mortals. As such, although Echo de Lynch-Bages is not the first to speak, it shares the first wine's elegance and character.

Like its big brother, Echo de Lynch-Bages displays the characteristic taste, aromas, and length of Pauillac wines. As an echo of the first wine, it receives the same care and attention from the vine to the cellars. It is the result of a selection of Lynch-Bages' youngest vines and specific plots which represent between 25 to 40 % of the harvest depending on the vintage. Echo de Lynch-Bages is round, soft, and seductive in its youth with outstanding potential for bottle age.

Winemakers
Vintage

Jean Michel Cazes

The winter brought mild temperatures. These mild and relatively dry weather conditions affected bud break of the different grape varieties, which was early to normal depending on the terroir: 25 March for the Merlot and 30 March for the Cabernet Sauvignon. The first flowers appeared on 20 May, on the Merlots. Flowering and fruit set were particularly heterogeneous due to variations in temperature and rainfall. June was a pivotal month for the 2019 vintage. The first two weeks were quite unsettled, but summery and even scorching temperatures then followed.

If the vineyard underwent severe hydric stress during the summer, the Bordeaux region received the equivalent of six months of rainfall, from the end of October until the beginning of December 2018. Hugely beneficial to soil, those rainfalls replenished water reserves.

Vineyards

Stretching over some 100 hectares in the commune of Pauillac, the vineyards of Lynch-Bages lie entirely upon the soil of choice for great wines, formed along the estuary by the alluvia from the gravel of Médoc. The property sits among favourably designed hillcrests located south and southwest of the city. This particular topography allows for both a natural drainage of soils to the river and, with help of the water table in shallow areas, a fine feeding of water for the vines.

The red wine vineyard of Lynch-Bages extends across a homogeneous soil and subsoil of deep Garonne gravel. Early yielding, scantily fertile and well drained, these soils are particularly favourable for Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot.

In the plots located along the river and the Gaët channel, the Garonne gravel soil is associated with clayey subsoil, more specifically suitable for Merlot.

There is also a small part of the vineyard of predominantly sandy gravel, ideally suited for growing Cabernet Franc, which helps to yield lighter, aromatic and nicely rounded wines. This analysis of the characteristics of the terroir, recorded during the planting of the varieties, has made it possible to identify an optimal planting. It is now composed of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot. The average age of the vines is about 30 years old, with the oldest vines over 60 years old.

Harvest

Harvest began on 23 September with the fully mature Merlot plants and took place over five days with our four parcels of Cabernet Franc being the last to be harvested. Occasional showers fell during these early days, which did not affect harvesting conditions and proved extremely beneficial for the final ripening of the Cabernet grapes. Our pickers then continued with nine days of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot picking. Harvesting ended on 9 October.



Vinification/ Maturation	One third of malolactic fermentation was conducted in vats and two thirds in barrels Aged in 1-yr-old barrels for 12 months. The first blends were produced in December.
Tasting Notes	Echo de Lynch-Bages 2019 displays a deep, brilliant robe. On the nose, the fruit is expressive with glimpses of a lovely freshness. With characteristic finesse and generous palate, its tannic structure is delicately enhanced by intense notes of fresh red fruits such as redcurrants or raspberries.
Serve with	Chateau Lynch Bages is best served at 15.5 degrees Celsius, 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The cool, almost cellar temperature gives the wine more freshness and lift. Chateau Lynch Bages is best served with all types of classic meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, roast chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes.
Cellaring	Drink 2023-2032
Scores/Awards	<p>90 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022</p> <p>92 points - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - January 2022</p> <p>92 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022</p> <p>91-94 points - Farr Vintners - May 2020</p> <p>90 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - February 2022</p> <p>92 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2022</p> <p>93 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - April 2022</p> <p>92+ points - Thomas Parker MW - March 2022</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"Juicy, featuring racy-edged plum and black currant fruit flavors that show nice purity, with lively anise and apple wood accents filtering in through the finish, where a subtle note of charcoal chimes. Modest in scale but nicely done. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Best from 2023 through 2032."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Smooth tannins although plenty of them with chewy character and walls to climb. What a great 2nd wine, with pulses of minerality that keep the momentum from beginning to end, impressive depth through the mid palate, juicy on the finish, well-judged mix of blackcurrant fruit, smoked spice, and fresh acidities."</i> - JA, Inside Bordeaux</p> <p><i>"The 2019 is a blend of 46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 53% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc. The abv is 14%. Vibrant ruby purple in the glass with pure and lifted aromas of fresh blackcurrant and sweet plums. The palate is crunchy with tannins but has a lithe approachability as they melt quickly into the fruit at the core. Notes of ripe plum and cherries linger with hints of sweet spice on a fresh, slightly savoury finish."</i> - Farr Vintners</p> <p><i>"The 2019 Echo de Lynch-Bages, matured in one-year-old barrels for 12 months, has a crisp blackberry, briar and cedar bouquet with touches of mint, quite vibrant and lively. The medium-bodied palate offers succulent tannins and mulberry and black plum flavors intermingling with black truffle and white pepper. Maybe just a little abrupt on the finish at the moment, but that will fill out in time. Drink 2024-2035."</i> - NM, Vinous</p> <p><i>"The 2019 Echo Lynch Bages is an absolutely joyous second wine. Ripe, plummy, and wonderfully forward, the 2019 Echo is all pleasure. The signature of the house style comes through loud and clear. Hints of spice, tobacco and cedar round out the creamy, inviting finish."</i> - AG, Vinous</p> <p><i>"The 2019 Echo De Lynch-Bages is the second wine of Château Lynch-Bages and it's beautifully done, with a more floral, perfumed, pretty style compared to the Grand Vin, yet it still brings plenty of structure. Red and black currants, sappy flowers, tobacco leaf, and gravelly earth all define the bouquet, and it's medium-bodied, has integrated acidity, gorgeous tannins, and a great finish. It's beautifully balanced and already accessible yet will nevertheless benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age."</i> - Jeb Dunnuck</p> <p><i>"46% Cabernet Sauvignon, 53% Merlot and 1% Cabernet Franc. Vibrant ruby colour. Perfumed, plummy fruit jumps from the glass with hints of vanilla and darker cassis. The palate is chock full of crunchy dark fruit, bringing tones of the chateau in a much more approachable frame. Powdery tannins offer an initially chalky entry, but they integrate quickly. Succulent and finishing full of fleshy, plummy fruit. Lingering with spice and cedar on the finish."</i> - Tom Parker MW</p>

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