

# Blanc de Lynch Bages 2015

CSPC# 742334

750mlx6

13.5% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	50% Sauvignon Blanc, 33% Semillon, 17% Muscadelle
<b>Appellation</b>	Pauillac
<b>Classification</b>	5th Cru Classé
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.lynchbages.com/en/the-wines/blanc-de-lynch-bages">http://www.lynchbages.com/en/the-wines/blanc-de-lynch-bages</a>
<b>General Info</b>	<p>Château Lynch-Bages was owned by the Lynch family for three quarters of a century. They descended from John Lynch, a young Irishman from Galway who was chased out of his country in 1691. In the 18th century, Count Jean-Baptiste Lynch, mayor of Bordeaux, inherited the estate and handed over management to his brother Michel Lynch, who was also mayor of Pauillac during the French Revolution. Jean-Charles Cazes, highly respected in the Médoc for his experience in viticulture and winemaking, bought the property in 1934. With his son André, he devoted all his energy to Lynch-Bages for more than 35 years. In 1974, his grand-son Jean-Michel Cazes set about restructuring and managing the estate and recently, in 2006, handed over the running of the property to his son Jean-Charles.</p>
<b>Vintage</b>	<p>The weather conditions are favorable to the vegetative cycle of white plots located on the fresh soils of the municipality of Saint Sauveur. The rains of August, alternating with summer days, favored the fast and relatively homogeneous evolution of the veraison. The maturity checks start on August 26th. With the return of the sun, the berries are concentrated little by little, the quantities of sugars increase but the acidities remain still high.</p>
<b>Vineyards</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>There is also a 6-hectare plot of white vines established by Jean-Michel in 1990. Lying further inland than the red vineyards, this plot comprises 53% Sauvignon Blanc (a recent increase), 32% Semillon and 15% Muscadelle (both reined in a little in recent years).</p>
<b>Harvest</b>	<p>After a second control on September 1st and a third on September 7th, the decision falls: the harvest of whites will begin on September 9 with the first sorts of Muscadelle. Indeed, the maturity was very fast thanks to the first very sunny week of September. The operations in green have been greatly beneficial and they are healthy grapes that can be picked for this vintage 2015. Then follow a first sort of Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon very good constitution. The harvest ends after 4 days of harvest, on September 14 with very high-quality Sauvignon Blanc sorts.</p>
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	<p>New barrels media, having a feature to allow individual rotation thereof, are installed to optimize the aging on lees. This system has the advantage of putting the lees in suspension by simple rotation airtight situation. Oxidation is limited and preserved aromatic freshness throughout the breeding.</p> <p>70% aged in 50% new oak barrels, 30% aged in stainless steel tanks.</p>
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	<p>Glossy pale yellow, White Lynch-Bages 2015 reveals on the nose with floral notes and aromas of citrus. At the tasting, the attack is lively and the mid-palate of great amplitude. The wine imposes itself by its volume, its freshness and its remarkable aromatic persistence. White Lynch-Bages keeps a beautiful length in the mouth throughout his life, characteristic of the great white wines of Bordeaux.</p>
<b>Serve with</b>	Goes well with appetizer course of shellfish, oysters (especially), or cheese and fruit.
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink now till 2031



**Scores/Awards** **91 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2018  
**91-94 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2016  
**91 points** - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate Interim Issue - February 2018  
**90-92 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Advocate #224 - April 27, 2016  
**94 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2018  
**94-95 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2016  
**16.5 points** - Richard Hemming, JancisRobinson.com - August 25, 2017  
**16.5 points** - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 28, 2016  
**89 points** - Steven Spurrier, Decanter.com - April 2016  
**94 points** - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2016  
**16.5 points** - Farr Vintner - March 2016  
**91-95 points** - Derek Smedley, MW - April 2016

**Reviews** *"This ripples with a mix of Mirabelle plum, white peach, yellow apple and acacia flavors, delivering a long, pure finish that has a lovely verbena echo. Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon and Muscadelle. Drink now through 2021"*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"There's terrific zing and precision here, with tangerine and white peach notes allied to a steely spine and leading to a long fleur de sel finish. Should unwind slowly and will likely do well in the cellar. Score range: 91-94"*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"The 2015 Blanc de Lynch-Bages has a little bit of sulfides on the nose with struck match scents over a core of lemon curd, ripe pears and peach kernels with touches of dried herbs and baking bread. The medium-bodied palate is refreshing with phenolic grip and a long, mineral finish."*  
- LPB, Wine Advocate

*"The 2015 Blanc de Lynch Bages, 50% Sauvignon Blanc, 33% Semillon and 17% Muscadelle, matured in 45% new oak. The yields were just 29.8 hectoliters per hectare, because of the dry growing conditions that particularly affected the Sauvignon Blanc. It has an attractive bouquet with scents of lime, gooseberry and beeswax, the oak neatly enmeshed. The palate is fresh and vibrant, harmonious in the mouth with a twist of bitter lemon on the mid-palate, easing down towards the finish with Cornice pear and citrus peel notes. There is very pleasant salinity on the aftertaste that urges you back for another sip. This is an accomplished Blanc de Lynch Bages that should offer several years' drinking pleasure."*  
- NM, Wine Advocate

*"Very fresh white-peach, gooseberry and floral nose with some real complexity. Very succulent and concentrated with a long, salty and mineral finish that is vibrant enough to wake the dead. This is delicious now but should develop beautifully through at least 2030."*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"A bright and flavorful white with sliced apple, pear and mango follow through to a full body, crisp acidity and lively finish. Lots of white peaches too."*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"Yoghurt, lemon curd, perhaps a hint of honey. Broad, soft, some mealy notes. Lovely cereal character to finish. The oak is really nicely integrated, giving a distinctive style without being intrusive. (RH)"*  
- RH, JancisRobinson.com

*"Very pungent indeed. Almost Kiwi richness on the nose. Lots of depth though. Really racy. "*  
- JR, JancisRobinson.com

*"Aromas of white flowers with fresh citrus elements and bright, clear acidity. Very attractive."*  
- SS, Decanter.com

*"Lynch's white comes from a parcel to the west of Pauillac in Saint-Sauveur on a north-facing slope. Spicy and subtly oaked, with a touch of honeyed richness from botrytis, notes of green herbs and cinnamon and a pithy, chalky finish. Drink: 2017-22"*  
- TA, timatkin.com

**Reviews** *“A small quantity (under 1000 cases) of white wine is made at Lynch Bages. The mix here is 50% Sauvignon Blanc, 33% Semillon and 17% Muscadelle. Aged in 50% new oak for a few months with bottling in April 2016 and release in September. The 2015 yield was less than 30 hl/ha. This is smoky and flinty with a lemon verbena, mown grass and saline samphire nose. The palate follows with salinity cut by vibrant, zesty acidity and mineral, smoky oak. The fruit is both citrus with lemon and tropical with pineapple. Intriguing, delicious and very moreish. A fantastic effort!”*  
- Farr Vintners

*“Cirrus and gooseberry the nose is fresh the start of the palate crisp but there is more depth and richness in the middle with tropical fruits and a hint of peach. The back palate has a complex mix of flavours pineapple richness underpinned by citrus the finish is long racy fresh and mineral. 2018-27”*  
- Derek Smedley MW

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