

# Blanc de Lynch Bages 2020

CSPC# 742334

750mlx6

12.89% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	70% Sauvignon Blanc, 20% Sémillon, 10% 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>Winemakers</b>	Jerome Le Roux, Daniel Llose
<b>Vintage</b>	<p>While winter is marked by heavy rainfall, the mildness of spring favors the early development of the vine. At the end of April, despite a few rainy episodes and a drop in temperature, the cycle was 3 weeks ahead. The good conditions in May favored uniform flowering. Summer, dry, sunny and with beautiful temperature variations, ensures optimal ripening of the grapes. In mid-August, stormy episodes are beneficial for the maturity of the vineyard. The hot and dry conditions make it possible to harvest small berries in the optimum concentration.</p> <p>Following two maturity controls carried out in mid-August, picking of the 2020 Blanc de Lynch-Bages vintage began 15 days ahead of schedule. We began sorting the Sauvignon Blanc on 29 August, followed by the Muscadelle and Semillon. Picking took place over six days and in very good conditions.</p>
<b>Vineyards</b>	Produced in the Bordeaux blanc sec appellation, the Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2019 comes from a 7-hectare vineyard planted on Garonne gravel soils.
<b>Harvest</b>	The manual harvest is accompanied by sorting in the vineyard.
<b>Vinification/ Maturation</b>	<p>The Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2020 is the first vintage vinified within new infrastructures. Oxygen protection allows the different batches to gain in precision. Clarification of musts via the use of temperature-controlled tanks, adapted to the volume of each batch, is thus faster and more optimal. Press selection is more accurate. A specific thermal regulation favors softer and perfectly controlled alcoholic fermentations. Around 75% of the juices are vinified in individually temperature-controlled barrels. If these conditions provide the yeasts with ideal fermentation conditions, they also promote the preservation of the freshness of the aromas throughout the process. The aging on lees in barrels, of which 50% new wood, is for a period of 6 months. It is carried out on the Oxoline system allowing stirring away from oxygen.</p>
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	<p>Born in 1990, "Blanc de Lynch-Bages" is the fruit of joining the three white varieties of the Bordeaux appellation, planted on some eight parcels of the historical Lynch-Bages terroir.</p> <p>Since 2006, a comprehensive selection project in the vineyards has made it possible to strengthen its vitality and promote its fruity and floral notes. The intra-parcel selection at harvest time and the prevention of the oxidation of the berries before pressing contribute to safeguarding the flavors and to the harmonious aging of the wines.</p> <p>Adding to with the fresh fruit flavors of Sauvignon Blanc, including cassis buds, grapefruit and exotic fruit, flavors of dried or candied fruit and white flowers of Sémillon and Muscadelle mingle. The fermentation and aging in barrels, used</p>



<b>Tasting Notes</b>	<p>precisely, give the wine fine woody and vanilla notes, which contribute to their aromatic complexity.</p> <p>In its youth, Blanc de Lynch-Bages is lively and explosive. Sauvignon Blanc, as it comes into full expression, gradually gives way to aromas of dried apricots, candied fruit, and nuts, more specific to Sémillon. Throughout its life it maintains an exhilarating freshness and a long finish, typical of the great white wines of Bordeaux</p>
<b>Winemaker's Notes</b>	<p>Blanc de Lynch-Bages combines aromas of citrus and white peaches, with finely woody notes. On the palate, it combines freshness and vigor with a round and elegant seating that gives way to a final on a discreet mineral note.</p>
<b>Serve with</b>	<p>Goes well with appetizer course of shellfish, oysters (especially), or cheese and fruit. Due to its weight and texture, it should be enjoyed with robust flavors. Try it with roasted chicken, pork chops and veal cutlets. It is well suited to creamy dishes like risotto, butter-based sauces, and mildly spiced curries. Don't be afraid to try it with spring favorites asparagus, peas, and fresh herbs, too.</p>
<b>Production</b>	<p>Approx. 1500 cases</p>
<b>Cellaring</b>	<p>Drink 2023-2031</p>
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>90 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2022  <b>90-92 points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - May 2021  <b>95 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2021  <b>94 points</b> - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2021  <b>92 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2021  <b>91 points</b> - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only) - April 2021  <b>90 points</b> - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2021</p>
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>"Features a zip of fleur de sel that runs from start to finish, adding extra cut and drive to an enticing set of lemon peel and gooseberry notes. Shows a subtle pith accent that adds length to the finish. Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon and Muscadelle. Drink now through 2024."</i>  - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"Composed of 70% Sauvignon Blanc, 20% Sémillon and 10% Muscadelle, the 2020 Blanc de Lynch-Bages springs from the glass with vivacious notes of white peaches, fresh pineapple, and pink grapefruit, plus touches of honeysuckle and mandarin peel. The medium-bodied palate is equally intense, featuring just enough acidity and bright, zesty sparks, finishing pleasantly savory. (LPB)"</i>  - LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Really fresh and vivid with sliced grapefruit, lemon, green apple, and white peach. Apricot, too. Medium to full body with phenolic texture and a long, vivid finish."</i>  - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"Less of the citrus flavours of recent vintages and more apricot and nectarine stone fruits, taking its cue from Sémillon and Muscadelle. Relaxed and effortless while still maintaining both lift and tension, with a saline wet stone lick on the finish. I tasted the 2019 on the same day, as it had just been bottled, and the 2020 is less of a classic Lynch Bages Blanc, but still utterly delicious, with clear weight and impression through the mid palate. 50% new oak for six months. Fermentation below 20°C. A yield of 40hl/ha"</i>  - JA, Decanter.com</p> <p><i>"The 2020 Blanc de Lynch Bages is terrific. I am not always a fan of the Blanc, as I often find it too tropical, but the 2020 has more than enough verve and overall freshness to balance things out"</i>  - AG, Vinous</p>

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