

## Blanc de Lynch Bages 2012

CSPC#742334

750mlx6

12.5% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	60% Sauvignon Blanc, 27% Semillon, 13% Muscadelle
<b>Appellation</b>	Pauillac
<b>Classification</b>	5th Cru Classé – Ch Lynch Bages
<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>2012 was characterized by difficult weather conditions in the Bordeaux region. After a relatively mild winter, the spring was mostly wet and rainy, especially April, with a hailstorm on the 24th. Such conditions hampered fertilization, leading to fears of reduced yields. Work in the vineyard was as vital as ever. June and July alternated heat and humidity. The weather became more stable from the beginning of August, enabling the healthy grapes to finish ripening in good conditions.</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>Faced with the still summer conditions, often with high temperatures, all means were implemented to protect the integrity and the aromatic freshness of grapes, favoring an early morning gathering and ensuring transport in a refrigerated truck. With nearly 20 days late compared to 2011 but with perfect health, the white grape harvest on September 13 and ended on September 19th.</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>A beautiful gold color, the 2012 Blanc de Lynch-Bages effortlessly expresses aromas of melon, lychee, white peach, lemon zest, and Mandarin orange. Bright on the palate, the wine is fresh, zesty, and invigorating with notes of citrus, complemented by pineapple and lemon peel.</p>
<b>Serve with</b>	<p>Goes well with appetizer course of shellfish, oysters (especially), or cheese and fruit.</p>
<b>Cellaring</b>	<p>Drink now till 2025</p>



**Scores/Awards** **90 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 31, 2015  
**89-91 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2013  
**88-90 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal - May 2013  
**93-94 points** - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2013  
**90-92 points** - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 23, 2013  
**91 points** - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only)  
**89-90 points** - Jean Marc Quarin - April 2013  
**16 points** - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only)  
**16.5 points** - Simon Staples, Berry & Rudd Wine & Spirit Merchants (score only)  
**92 points** - Lea & Sandeman Wine Merchants - April 2013

**Reviews** *"This offers a core of white peach and honeysuckle, laced with quinine. The finish ripples with stone and talc details, leaving a bracing echo. Drink now through 2017."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"Shows solid thyme, sweet pea and jicama notes, with a fresh, tarragon-filled finish. Features a stony hint and good cut. Score range: 88-91."*  
- JM, Wine Spectator

*"A blend of 60% Sauvignon Blanc, 27% Semillon and 13% Muscadelle, it is the Semillon that comes through strongly on the nose with subtle tropical tones. The palate is nicely balanced with Kaffir lime, mango and citrus lemon. It has a nicely composed finish. Fine. 88-90"*  
- NM, Wine Journal

*"This is very lively and dense in the center palate. Full body, with a dried apple and pear character. Bright acidity. Citrusy. Long and brilliant. 60% Sauvignon Blanc, 27% Semillon, and 13% Muscadelle. 93 - 94/100"*  
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

*"From a blend of 60% Sauvignon Blanc, 27% Semillon and 13% Muscadelle, the wine will be aged in 50% new French oak. Honeydew melon, lychee nut, lemon peel and orange scents pop with no effort. Zesty, bright and fresh, the wine ends with invigorating citrus, pineapple and lemon zest. 90-92 Pts "*  
- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

*"Pale colour. Very fragrant nose of Sauvignon, box and nettle. Richly supple and fruity on the palate, flavoursome and tender, becomes aromatic after the middle evolving with good length. Nice, lively finish with tastes of pear, nettles and box. 89-90 points"*  
- J-MQ

*"This is very well-done! The Sauvignon Blanc element is tempered, rounded to a more complex weave of really quite subtle flavour, toast and clean fresh green fruit, and element of malty moreishness, all remaining fresh and long. Spice too, and real succulence."*  
- Lea & Sandeman Wine Merchants

*"Adding to with the fresh fruit flavours of Sauvignon Blanc, including cassis buds, grapefruit and exotic fruit, flavours of dried or candied fruit and white flowers of Sémillon and Muscadelle mingle. The fermentation and aging in barrels, used precisely, give the wine fine woody and vanilla notes, which contribute to their aromatic complexity. In the mouth, Blanc de Lynch-Bages marries freshness and vigour to a foundation that is at the same time round, ample and elegant."*  
- Winemaker's note

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