

# Blanc de Lynch Bages 2018

CSPC# 742334

750mlx6

13.1% alc./vol.

**Grape Variety**

59% Sauvignon, 21% Sémillon, 20% Muscadelle

**Appellation**

Pauillac

**Classification**

5th Cru Classé

**Website**

<http://www.lynchbages.com/en/the-wines/blanc-de-lynch-bages>

**General Info**

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.

**Winemakers**

Jerome Le Roux, Daniel Llose

**Vintage**

The 2018 vintage began with a relatively late bud break, due to particularly rainy winter conditions. However, this was needed to fully recharge the groundwater of the cool soils where the whites are grown.

Flowering, fruit set and veraison progressed smoothly.

Harvesting took place between 5 September and 11 September under very favourable weather conditions. Picking began with the Muscadelle and was followed by the Sauvignon Blanc, the vineyard's main varietal.

The Semillon was finally the last varietal brought in the cellar. Harvesting took place exclusively in the morning, to prevent the grapes from suffering from the afternoon high temperatures.

Upon arrival at the cellar, the sanitary state of the grapes was perfect. Since 2013, the technique chosen for handling the grapes as they arrive at the cellar has depended on the varietal and berry quality: direct pressing without destemming; direct pressing with destemming; or pressing after cold maceration for twelve hours using dry ice. Following fermentation, mainly in barrels (two thirds in barrels, one third in vats), ageing on lees began in October and ended six months later, just before bottling in April.

A bright and flavorful white with stone fruit and citrus aromas racing along and a nicely defined, slate-tinged finish. Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2018 offers lovely complexity with balance and lift.

**Vineyards**

Produced in the Bordeaux blanc sec appellation, the Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2018 comes from a 7-hectare vineyard planted on Garonne gravel soils. Despite the first part of the year being marked by rainy weather, 2018 saw the production of perfectly healthy grapes, thanks to the beautiful summer season. At Chateau Lynch-Bages, the white grape harvest began on September 5th and ended on September 11th, 2018 with Semillon. The grapes were picked exclusively in the morning to preserve the freshness of the fruit.

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**Vinification/**

**Maturation**

The Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2018 is made from a blend of Sauvignon Blanc (59%), supplemented by Semillon (21%) and Muscadelle (20%). The wine was fermented mainly in barrels before maturing on lees for six months (50% new wood)



<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Aromas of fresh and exotic fruits from Sauvignon Blanc, dried and candied fruits and white flowers from Sémillon and delicate woody and vanilla notes from Muscadelle come together to make this complex Lynch-Bages White. The palate balances freshness and strength with a round, ample yet elegant structure. Characteristic of fine Bordeaux whites, Lynch-Bages White is lively and explosive in its early youth and retains impressive length on the palate for the duration of its life.
<b>Serve with</b>	Goes well with appetizer course of shellfish, oysters (especially), or cheese and fruit.
<b>Production</b>	< 1000 cases
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink now till 2024
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>90-93 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2019</p> <p><b>90-92 points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - April 2019</p> <p><b>92-93 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2019</p> <p><b>16.5 points</b> - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - April 2019</p> <p><b>94 points</b> - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - April 2019</p> <p><b>93 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - April 2019</p> <p><b>16.5 points</b> - Farr Vintners - April 2019</p> <p><b>89 points</b> - Neal Martin, Vinous - November 2019</p> <p><b>87-88 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - May 2019</p> <p><b>90-92 points</b> - Jeb Dunnuck MW - May 2019</p>
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>"A lively thyme note pierces the core of white peach and white asparagus flavors. Offers a racy edge, with jasmine and white peach details in reserve. Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon and Muscadelle."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"The 2018 Blanc de Lynch Bages is showing a little reduction, opening out to notions of warm peaches, passion fruit and gooseberries plus suggestions of honeysuckle, coriander seed and chalk dust. Medium-bodied, the palate is completely filled with tropical and citrus flavors plus a racy backbone, finishing long with a touch of chalkiness."</i> - LPB, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"A fresh and fruity white with sliced-apple and lemon character. Layered and a hint of tannic texture. Lemon zest and lots of energy."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"59% Sauvignon Blanc, 21% Sémillon, 20% Muscadelle. 13.1% pH 3.08. Two-thirds fermented in tank, one-third in barrel. Complex aroma that is herbal, spicy and with a lovely nose that is so typically Bordeaux Blanc. Cedary but with lemon and grapefruit freshness too. Slight grip, moderate concentration, more interesting aromatically than for its intensity. Not very long but super-fresh. Drink 2020-2024"</i> - JH, JancisRobinson.com</p> <p><i>"This wine has a lovely complexity with balance and lift and does that thing where it waits for a heartbeat, then makes you wait for a heartbeat, before releasing its stone fruit and succulent, slate-tinged citrus. The plots are on the west side of the appellation, often 1.5oC lower than at main Lynch Bages, with more limestone in the subsoils helping keep the balance that is evident here."</i> - JA, Decanter.com</p> <p><i>"Just picked honeysuckle, orange rind, Granny Smith apples and vanilla are a treat to smell. Packed with citrus on the palate, the lemon chiffon finish is perfect for current drinking. The wine is a blend of 59% Sauvignon Blanc, 21% Semillon, and 20% Muscadelle."</i> JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p> <p><i>"Intensely aromatic, with grassy lemon verbena, fresh grapefruit and lime zest. The palate is lithe and vibrant, with waves of refreshing acidity tightening the riper stone fruits and giving more pure citrus and light smokiness on the palate. Great purity here with just the right amount of spicy complexity. This is already very drinkable and incredibly moreish. It will be delicious on release."</i> - Farr Vintners</p>

**Reviews** *“Bottled in May, the 2018 Blanc de Lynch Bages was matured for six months in 50% new oak, the Sauvignon Blanc fermented in tank. This has more vigor and attack on the nose compared to the 2017, delivering citrus fruit, Granny Smith apples and fresh pear aromas. The saline palate is well balanced with a fine bead of acidity and a pretty, fresh malic finish. I prefer this to the 2017. Drink 2020-2025.”*  
- NM, Vinous

*“The 2018 Lynch-Bages Blanc is a pleasant, easygoing white to drink young, while the citrus and floral notes remain vibrant. The Blanc is 59% Sauvignon Blanc, 21% Sémillon and 20% Muscadelle.”*  
- AG, Vinous

*“From vines just to the west of the estate and mostly Sauvignon Blanc, the 2018 Château Lynch-Bages Blanc is a solid effort, offering classic notes of lemon curd, white flowers, and subtle minerality, medium body, good freshness and purity, and a clean, dry finish.”*  
- JD, JebDunnuk.com

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