

Blanc de Lynch Bages 2019

CSPC# 742334

750mlx6

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	72% Sauvignon Blanc, 22% Sémillon, 6% Muscadelle
Appellation	Pauillac
Classification	5th Cru Classé
Website	http://www.lynchbages.com/en/the-wines/blanc-de-lynch-bages
General Info	<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>
Winemakers	Jerome Le Roux, Daniel Llose
Vintage	<p>The 2019 vintage began quite early owing to the effect of mild and quite dry weather on the white grape varieties growing in Saint-Sauveur. Despite mixed conditions during flowering and setting, bunch development was generous, announcing an excellent quality.</p> <p>Winter was characterized by mild temperatures, leading to an early bud burst. Flowering and fruit set took place consistently through a cool and sometimes humid spring. June brought high temperatures, contributing to the development of the vine. During this scorching summer, the vines were able to resist thanks to the sufficient water reserves accumulated during the winter of 2018.</p>
Vineyards	Produced in the Bordeaux blanc sec appellation, the Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2019 comes from a 7-hectare vineyard planted on Garonne gravel soils.
Harvest	The white harvest began on 11 September. The first Sauvignon Blanc was harvested in the wake of the month's first rainfall. Picking then continued through to 17 September with the older Sauvignon Blanc, then the Muscadelle, and finally the Sémillon. The whites were harvested in the morning only, to preserve the grapes and protect their aromas from the high temperatures recorded at the time. Given the mild weather and because the grapes were healthy, our team of about forty pickers enjoyed stress-free harvesting conditions.
Vinification/ Maturation	Upon arrival at the cellar, the average-sized berries gave clear, rich musts with a good concentration of aromas, particularly the Sauvignon. The Sémillon grapes were very dense. 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 de-stemming; direct pressing with de-stemming; 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.
Tasting Notes	Pale yellow in colour with green hues, the wine offers a particularly expressive nose with fine Sauvignon notes. On the palate, Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2019 is fresh with complex aromas of peach combined with white and exotic fruits. The mouth feel is round and fleshy with great aromatic persistence.
Winemaker's Notes	The Lynch-Bages Blanc 2019 by Chateau Lynch-Bages offers a pale-yellow color with green reflections that testifies to its youth. The nose is expressive with Sauvignon notes. On the palate, the complex aromas of fresh peach, white fruit and exotic fruit mingle with each other. Roundness, breadth and aromatic persistence make this Lynch-Bages Blanc 2019 a great white wine from Bordeaux.



Serve with 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.

Production 1500 cases

Cellaring Drink now till 2023

Scores/Awards **90 points** - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - Web Only 2021

94-95 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2020

92 points - Farr Vintners - June 2020

Reviews *"Very bright, with breezy honeysuckle, white peach and lemon peel notes streaming through, followed by a late peck of brioche on the finish. A crowd-pleaser. Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon and Muscadelle. Drink now through 2022"*

- JM, Wine Spectator

"Very lively white with wonderful pineapple, honey and lemons on the nose and palate. Great finish with such intensity. Mineral, white pepper, and tropical fruit. Complex aftertaste of spices, pie crust, and lemon meringue. Fab. 66% Sauvignon Blanc, 12% Semillon, and 22% Muscadelle. Production about 1,500 cases, or so."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Floral and grapey on the nose, with hints of lanolin and sweet vanilla. The palate is pure and youthful with hints of passionflower, grapefruit and lemon blossom. There is a waxy, oily depth that builds through the mid palate, adding intrigue and complexity. Layered, fragrant and broad on the finish."

- Farr Vintners
