

Blanc de Lynch Bages 2021

CSPC# 742334

750mlx6

12.98% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	79% Sauvignon Blanc, 15% Sémillon, 6% Muscadelle
Appellation	Pauillac
Classification	5th Cru Classé
Website	http://www.lynchbages.com/en/the-wines/blanc-de-lynch-bages
Analysis	Total acidity: 4.6 g/L H2SO4 pH: 3.27
Sustainability	Our approach to viticulture is sustainable in every respect: geolocated fertilisation, controlled weeding between the plots to regulate the vigour of the plant, prolonged resting of the soils by flowering fallow lands, and the use of environmentally friendly products is always encouraged.
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> <p>As recently as 2017, a massive renovation and modernization of the winery's technical facilities took place. The project was headed by Chien Chung Pei and Li Chung Pei, sons of the famous architect who designed the glass pyramid for the Louvre in Paris. The wine cellar is a 100% gravity flow facility, with vat rooms that house 80 stainless steel vats in various sizes for parcel-by-parcel vinification. Château Lynch Bages is one of the most cutting-edge estates in terms of wine technology, using satellite imaging to survey the vineyard and conducting soil surveys to ensure the vines reach their potential.</p>
Winemakers	Jerome Le Roux, Daniel Llose
Vintage	The meteorological context in 2021 was complicated at times, marked by cool temperatures and a slight water deficit, resulting in a vintage that brought the expression of great "terroirs" to the front. The rainfall episodes during flowering strongly reduced the quantitative harvest potential and the cool temperatures that followed slowed down the grapes' ripening process. By the end of August, the sun came back in time for the first maturity checks. Harvesting began on 9 September with the Sauvignon Blanc plants, followed by the Muscadelle and Sémillon, and took place over six days in very good weather conditions.
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 manual harvest is accompanied by sorting in the vineyard. Harvesting began on 9 September with the Sauvignon Blanc plants, followed by the Muscadelle and Sémillon, and took place over six days in very good weather conditions.
Vinification/ Maturation	The Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2020 is the first vintage vinified within new infrastructures. Oxygen protection allows the different batches to gain 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.



Tasting Notes	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.
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	Approx. 1500 cases
Cellaring	Drink 2021-2025
Scores/Awards	<p>91 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022</p> <p>91-93 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - May 2022</p> <p>94 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2022</p> <p>91 points - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - March 2022</p> <p>95 points - Jane Anson, Inside Bordeaux (score only) - November 2023</p> <p>93 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2022</p> <p>92 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only) - April 2022</p> <p>91-93 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - May 2022</p> <p>94-96 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2022</p> <p>90 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2022</p> <p>92 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2022</p> <p>94 points - Vert de Vin - April 2022</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"Already bottled, the 2021 Blanc de Lynch-Bages exhibits aromas of ripe grapefruit, musky peach and pastry cream. Medium to full-bodied, rich, and fleshy, with lively acids and a saline finish, it's a blend of 79% Sauvignon Blanc, 15% Sémillon and 6% Muscadelle."</i> - WK, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"A blend of 79% Sauvignon Blanc, 15% Semillon, and 6% Muscadelle, the 2021 Blanc de Lynch-Bages skips out of the glass with energetic scents of grapefruit, fresh lemons, and lime leaves, plus hints of wet pebbles and elderflower. Light-bodied, the palate is crisp and intense, laden with citrusy layers, finishing with plenty of zing. pH 3.27. 2024-2030."</i> - LPB, Wine Independent</p> <p><i>"Bright and crunchy white with layers of gooseberries, fennel, lemon grass and seashells. White peach, too. Medium-bodied, bright, and driven with linear character. Stony and saline at the end."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"Such varietal Sauvignon Blanc aromas on the nose, freshly squeezed lemon, grass, elderflower, peach juice. So clear on the palate, crystalline purity with the richness coming a little from the Semillon on the mid palate. This has real austerity and minerality too in the sense of the salinity and wet stone notes that linger on the tongue, giving a slight cleanliness to the palate. Feels very precise - in high definition, each fruit and textural element sticking out with the floral nuances coming in towards the end. A direct style. Really excellent, it's taught and streamlined with these sharp lemon, green apple and grapefruit notes on the palate too, giving edges to the fruit while the overall lively acidity fills the mouth."</i> - GH, Decanter.com</p> <p><i>"A straight shot of lemons, white peach and lime, vanilla and green apple form the core of this crisp, vibrant, bright, lemon-dominated wine. Drink from 2023-2032."</i> - JL, thewinecellarinsider.com</p> <p><i>"Bottled in the early spring, this Lynch Bages Blanc will be available for delivery in the autumn of 2022. Pale citrus with peach blossom and greengage on the nose, it has a flinty, smoky edge and the subtlest creaminess in the background. The palate is oily and intense, cut by fine acidity. Highly floral with zesty citrus and riper mandarin, it is both intense and harmonious. This is already delicious and, like most modern white Bordeaux, will drink best in its first 5 years."</i> - TP, Farr Vintners</p>

Reviews *“The 2021 Blanc de Lynch Bages is terrific. The move to increase the Sauvignon Blanc and decrease the Muscadelle yields a white endowed with notable energy and brightness, a style I personally like quite a bit.”*
- AG, Vinous

“I was blown away by the quality of the 2021 Château Lynch-Bages Blanc, which ranks with the top whites in the vintage. Offering awesome white grapefruit, floral, mint, and chalky notes, it hits the palate with medium-bodied richness, a vivid, pure, chiseled mouthfeel, and a great finish. I'd be a buyer.”
- Jeb Dunnuck

“Light yellow-green with silvery reflections. Delicate lime notes, fresh gooseberries, white peach, floral nuances of elderflower. Elegant, fine white apple fruit, fresh acidity, mineral-citric finish; a multi-faceted food wine.”
- PM, Falstaff Magazine

“The nose is fresh, fruity and offers purity, a fine crystalline character, some crunchiness, and a discrete floral quality. There are notes of fresh/juicy peach, white flowers and more slightly crunchy pear combined with delicate touches of peach blossom, fresh mango, and a discreet hint of exotic fruit. The palate is fresh, juicy, full-bodied and reveals a nice body, purity, acidity, freshness and minerality. On the palate, this wine expresses notes of full-bodied apple, bright peach and, to a lesser extent, mango, combined with hints of juicy/pulpy citrus fruit, as well as subtle hints of exotic berries, a hint of elderflower, fine saline notes, and an imperceptible hint of toastiness in the background that coats the fruit.”
- Vert de Vin
