

Blanc de Lynch Bages 2023

CSPC# 742334

6x750ml

13.2% alc./vol.

Grape Variety 81% Sauvignon Blanc, 11% Semillon, 8% Muscadelle.
Appellation Pauillac
Classification Bordeaux Blanc
Website <http://www.lynchbages.com/en/the-wines/blanc-de-lynch-bages>

Analysis Total acidity: 4.1 g/L H2SO4 pH: 3.12

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 soil by flowering fallow lands, and the use of environmentally friendly products is always encouraged.

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.

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.

Winemakers Jerome Le Roux, Daniel Llose. Nicolas Labenne, technical director.

Vintage In the lands of Pauillac, the mild winter offered a contrast between drought and rain, sketching a complex picture for the winegrowers and dictating the rhythm and pace of the 2023 vintage. The teams at Château Lynch-Bages scrutinized the sky, anticipating the vagaries of the weather, aware that nature acts, but that humans must rise to the challenges. In spring, the vegetation awakened, and with it, the first concerns arose.

The threat of frost loomed large, but the swift intervention of our teams spared our white plots. Summer arrived. At the end of August, high temperatures allowed the grapes to reach perfect maturity and the harvest began.

Vineyards Produced in the Bordeaux blanc sec appellation, the Blanc de Lynch-Bages comes from a 7-hectare vineyard planted on Garonne gravel soils.

Harvest Hand-picked and sorted at the vineyard and table 31st August - 6th September.

**Vinification/
Maturation** Oxygen protection allows the different batches to gain precision. Clarification of the 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 oak, is for a period of 6 months. It is carried out on the Oxoline system allowing stirring away from oxygen.

Tasting Notes The Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2023 is an elegant blend of 81% Sauvignon Blanc, 11% Sémillon, and 8% Muscadelle, aged for six months on its lees in barriques, 50% of which were in new oak. Aromas of ripe grapefruit, yellow gooseberries, and white flowers unfold on the nose. On the palate, the wine is smooth and juicy, with lively acidity that lends it freshness and excitement. The finish is characterized by a mineral freshness and lingers long aftertaste. An expressive white wine from Bordeaux that combines elegance and finesse.



Winemaker's Notes	Blanc de Lynch-Bages 2023, a promise of exceptional balance and clarity, stands out for its remarkable liveliness. The blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Muscadelle and Sémillon produces a fresh wine with exotic, floral and citrus notes. A captivating taste experience, combining aromatic richness and vibrant freshness. Nicolas Labenne, technical director, March 2024
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. 1000 cases annually
Cellaring	Drink 2025-2040
Scores/Awards	89-91 points - Yohan Castaing, Wine Advocate - April 2024 92 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - May 2024 94 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - April 2024 92 points - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - April 2024 92 points - Jane Anson, janeanson.com - April 2024 93 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2024 92 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com - April 2024 93 points - Thomas Parker, Farr Vintners - April 2024 87-89 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - April 2024 92 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - April 2024 90-92 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - May 2024 92 points - Jean Marc Quarin - April 2024 91-93 points - Alexandre Ma MW - April 2024 92 points - Vinum Wine Magazine - September 2024
