

Château Lynch Moussas 2019

14.5 % alc./vol.

CSPC# 721265

750mlx12

CSPC# 866174

1500mlx6

CSPC# 866175

3000mlx3

CSPC# 866456

6000mlx1

Grape Variety

73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 27% Merlot

Appellation

Pauillac

Classification

5th Grand Cru Classé - classified in 1855

Website

https://www.lynch-moussas.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/web_lynchmoussas2019_en.pdf

General Info

The Château was founded in the 18th century by a member of the Lynch Family. We can trace the origin of the "Moussas" name back to the 16th century. In 1919 the property was purchased by the Castéja family, at that time also owner of Duhart-Milon and later was inherited by Emile Castéja. Philippe Castéja, Emile Castéja's son, has been in charge of the property and its vineyards since. Château Lynch-Moussas is a typical Pauillac exhibiting a dark colour, a fruitful bouquet, a lot of softness with ripe tannins.

Winemakers

Philippe Castéja. Denis Dubourdieu- consultant

Vintage

The first climatic feature of this vintage is the drought during the growing period. Cool winter and spring with a deficit in rainfall compared to averages. Last frosts beginning of May. Fast flowering period beginning of June with a slower vegetative growth than usual because of this climate. Beautiful month of June followed by a very dry and warm July with a record of 106 °F on July 23th. Mid-ripening period around August 6th. The drought continues all along the month and goes on at the beginning of September. Like much great vintages the harvest starts early and practically at the same time for both right and left banks. The Merlots did not get the chance to see water while the Cabernets took the advantage of a few millimeters end of September. For this vintage we will have historically high degrees in all grape varieties. The colors are superb, deep, the roundness, the fruit and the length of the wines make an exceptional vintage. Like most early vintages with such quality grapes where the Merlots are as good as the Cabernets the wines are as superb and pleasant young as throughout their ageing. A surprising great vintage

Vineyards

Chateau Lynch-Moussas' wine originates from the estate's 57 hectares of vineyards morcellated through the commune of Pauillac. The soil for these vineyards is typical of the Pauillac consisting mostly of gravel over a limestone subsoil. The vines are divided between Cabernet Sauvignon (72%) and Merlot (25%).

Harvest

Hand harvested

Vinification/

15 to 20 days of fermentation in thermo regulated stainless steel tanks. Aged in French oak barrels (about 50 % of new barrels) for 18 months.

Maturation

Tasting Notes

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Bright, red, crisp, crunchy red berries make up the core of this wine. Fresh, medium-bodied, and old school, this classic luncheon claret leaves you with a bite of cranberry, cassis, green olive, herb, pepper and tobacco in the finish.

Serve with

Risotto with ceps, leg of lamb, beef fillet, doe stew, mutton chops.

Production

15,000 cases made.

Cellaring

Drink 2023-2034

Scores/Awards

91 points - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - March 2022

91+ points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022

92-94 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - July 2020

94 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2022

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

94-96 points - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - June 2020



Scores/Awards **92 points** - Jane Anson, Decanter.com - May 2020
89 points - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - January 2022
93 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2022
92-94 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - June 2020
92-94 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - June 2020
94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - February 2022
92-94 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - June 2020
90-92 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2020
91 points - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - January 2020
93 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - June 2020
17 points - Vinum Wine Magazine (score only) - September 2020

Reviews *"Offers mulled plum, fig and blackberry fruit flavors that unfurl slowly over a velvety structure, while dark tobacco, cast iron and bay leaf details emerge through the slightly dusty finish. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Best from 2023 through 2034. 15,000 cases made."*
- JM, Wine Spectator

"A rather rich, dramatic rendition of this estate, the 2019 Lynch-Moussas bursts with aromas of dark berry fruit, pencil shavings and toasty new oak. Full-bodied, ample, and muscular, with a fleshy core of fruit, succulent acids and ripe, powdery tannins that assert themselves on the finish, it will reward a bit of bottle age with flamboyant drinking."
- WK, Wine Advocate

"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2019 Lynch Moussas leaps from the glass with vibrant red and black currant scents, followed by baked blackberries, chocolate box and camphor hints and a touch of smoked meats. Medium-bodied, the palate is chock-full of muscular, ripe black fruits, supported by firm, grainy tannin's and just enough freshness, finishing long and savory. This wine may take a little longer to come around than some of its 2019 peers, but it will be worth the wait."

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- LPB, Wine Advocate

"This is a solid Pauillac with a medium to full body and chewy tannins that are polished and energetic. Plenty of blackcurrant, lemon, and wet-earth character. A little tight at the end. Needs at least three or four years of bottle age to open. Will age very nicely."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"A big, rich LM with lots of blackcurrants, black chocolate, and tar. It's full and layered with loads of fruit and ripe tannins. Muscular and rich. Extracted. A wine for aging. 73% cabernet sauvignon and 27% merlot."
- JS, JamesSuckling.com

"Under the ownership of the Castéjà family for a century, this estate is definitely on the up. This latest vintage shows great structure and firm tannins to go with ripe black currant fruits. It is a fine wine that is going to age well."
- RV, Wine Enthusiast

Reviews

"This vintage marks the 100th anniversary of Lynch Moussas under the Castéjà family, who arrived at the property in 1919. They have worked hard to establish a more consistent performance over recent vintages, and certainly here you have plenty of impact, with silky tannins, deeply glossed blackberry and cassis fruits, touches of grilled cedar and strong coffee bean on the finish. Low temperature fermentation saw things kept at under 26°C at all times, helping to control the tannin extract from the fruit after the hot summer. An impressive performance from this estate. Barrel Sample: 92."

- JA, Decanter.com

"2019 is a powerful, concentrated, tannic, backward, crisp, chewy, almost austere, classic Pauillac. Once past the tannic backdrop, you find a big, juicy blast of peppery, tobacco-stained cassis and blackberries. Long, structured and firm, with a savory edge to the spicy, earthy, red currant and cranberry finish, it is going to need cellaring before being fun to taste. The special label trumpets the Castéjà family owning the property for 100 years. Drink from 2028-2050."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"Celebrating 100 years of ownership by the Castéjà family, the 2019 vintage for Lynch-Moussas hits all the right notes. Full-bodied, concentrated and with a big, juicy blast of peppery, tobacco-stained cassis and blackberry, the wine is firm, classic, structured long and intense. With a dynamic finish, this is the finest vintage of Lynch-Moussas I recall ever tasting. This will age, so let it rest for a decade before popping a bottle and enjoy it over the following 20-30 years, or longer."

- JL, thewinecellarinsider.com

"The 2019 Lynch-Moussas comes in a swanky bespoke embossed bottle to celebrate a century's ownership by the Castéjà family (and very tasteful it is too.) Does it have a wine worthy of this anniversary, you ask. Well, it has a very attractive mint-tinged bouquet, a mélange of red and black fruit laced with brown spices and cedar. It gains intensity with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with a lightly spiced entry: black pepper and a touch of Earl Grey infusing the black fruit. Well-balanced, fresh, and showing similar class to its sibling Batailley. This is indeed a very fine Lynch-Moussas that frankly is a significant step up from some of the wines I was tasting a decade ago. Excellent."

- NM, Vinous

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- AG, Vinous

"The 2019 Lynch-Moussas is powerful, dense, and super expressive. Iron, smoke, grilled herbs, tobacco, and game give the 2019 a distinctly feral, earthy personality, but there is plenty of fruit to balance things out. Deep and virile to the core, Lynch-Moussas offers tons of power. It is also one of the most distinctive wines of the appellation."

- AG, Vinous

"Another solid effort from this estate, the 2019 Château Lynch-Moussas has a pretty bouquet of red and black fruits, unsmoked tobacco, gravelly earth, and chocolate. This carries to a medium-bodied Pauillac with good mid-palate concentration, plenty of tannins, and outstanding length. It's going to benefit from short-term cellaring and keep for 15 years or more. Barrel Sample: 90-92."

- Jeb Dunnuck

"Deep dark ruby, opaque core, purple reflections, and faint ochre rim. Delicate dark berry fruit underlaid with mint, ripe plum, a hint of nougat and tobacco savouriness. Juicy palate with ripe cherry, integrated tannins, a chocolaty touch on the finish with fine caramel. A successful wine for the 100th anniversary of the estate in the hands of the Castéjà family."

- Falstaff Magazine