



CHATEAU
LYNCH  BAGES

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ

APPELLATION
Pauillac

CLASSIFICATION
Grand Cru Classé

VINTAGE
2001

OWNER
Jean-Michel CAZES



Surface : 90 hectares

« **Terroir** » (soil) : Garonne Gravel

Harvest : Hand-picked and sorted at the vineyard

Ageing : Wooden barrels for 15 months (65% new wood)

Blending : 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

A very good vintage, 2001 is not a year to imitate the opulence of the 2000s as it is more old-fashioned in style. The keynote characteristics are freshness, purity, and direction. Over the next decade the wines will mature into classic wines. If they will never have the same weight or opulence of the 2000s they will have great grace and finesse.

In a nutshell, 2001 is characterised by:

- A warm early summer
Early on in the season, very favourable conditions rather resembled the excellent 2000 vintage.
- Cool weather thereafter
A cool July, changeable August and depressing September put paid to early hopes of another outstanding vintage.

Therefore, harvest started on October 2nd at Lynch-Bages.

Retasting in 2011 revealed that these 2001 wines are very approachable having reached ten years of age, and following a recent tasting Jancis Robinson comments “those who bought 2001 red bordeaux en primeur should feel quite pleased with themselves.