



CHATEAU
LYNCH  BAGES

ECHO DE LYNCH-BAGES

APPELLATION
Pauillac

CLASSIFICATION
2nd wine of Château Lynch-Bages

VINTAGE
2012

OWNER
Jean-Michel CAZES



Surface: 90 hectares

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

Harvest: Hand-picked and sorted at the vineyard

Ageing: French oak barrels for 14 months.

In barrels used for one previous vintage.

Blending: 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

Production: 30% of the harvest

« **All's well that ends well.** »

A variable winter and a cool rainy spring, failed to make up the water deficit that had accumulated over several years.

Hot and dry weather ensued with the occasional peaks in temperature from July 15th to September 24th further accentuating the water deficit. These particular climatic conditions brought about local difficulties, prompting disparities in maturity with small berries. Following a similar pattern to the flowering, veraison remained slow.

Our soils, consisting as they do of a combination of deep gravels and a sizeable clayey layer, allayed the negative effect of the considerable water deficit. They helped maintain a regular level of sugar even in very dry conditions.

The grapes remained very healthy until the last week of September. Harvesting began on 27th September until October 18th.

2012 vintage delivers classic-style ripe, balanced wines, boasting intense colours and a very decent tannic structure.