



CHATEAU  
LYNCH  BAGES

ECHO DE LYNCH-BAGES

APPELLATION  
Pauillac

CLASSIFICATION  
2<sup>nd</sup> wine of Château Lynch-Bages

VINTAGE  
2015

OWNER  
Jean-Michel CAZES



**Surface:** 90 hectares

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

**Harvest:** Hand-picked and sorted at the vineyard

**Ageing:** French oak barrels during 12 months, in barrels used for one previous vintage.

**Blending:** 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot

**Take five** 

2015 was marked by a good grape concentration and a remarkable tannin ripeness; these two factors will raise it to the rank of a great vintage.

At Lynch-Bages, harvesting took place in excellent conditions, except for one very rainy day in October. Grape sugar content was sometimes high, but alcoholic fermentation was completed rapidly and the wines had a low volatile acidity. Then followed post-fermentation maceration, which gave the already harmonious wines some fatness and volume. The aromas were at last able to show their full complexity. The 2015 vintage is rich, ripe, velvety and already has silky tannins. In terms of variety, although diluted slightly by the September rain, the Merlot nevertheless gives the wine a lovely freshness and beautiful fruity aromas. The Cabernet and Petit Verdot express rarely-reached notes of fresh, ripe fruit.

As for previous vintages, one third of malolactic fermentation took place in vats and two thirds in barrels. Fermentation was quite quick, and by the end of November it had ended for all the chateau's batches. So 2015 is characterised by its elegance and great homogeneity.

It has a bright, vivid colour and a nose expressing aromas of dark berries mixed with peppery notes. It has a refreshing attack, with a grain of tannin that is still slightly coarse but which the barrels will polish promising a beautifully harmonious wine after ageing.