



# 1996 Château Latour, 1er Cru Pauillac

Château Latour, Bordeaux Wine Region, France

## Product details

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<b>Vintage:</b>	1996	<b>Drinking:</b>	Now 2031
<b>Producer:</b>	Château Latour	<b>Alcohol:</b>	
<b>Region:</b>	Bordeaux Wine Region	<b>Variety:</b>	Bordeaux blend
<b>Country:</b>	France		

## About the producer

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The history of Latour is as rich as the reputation of its wines is great. Latour's iconic landmark, overlooking the vines, is a grandiose dovecot said to be constructed with stone from a defensive tower which stood on the site until the end of the Hundred Years War. The château itself dates back to the 14th century but the start of its history producing wine really began with the arrival of the Ségur family who, for a time, were also owners of Lafite. Latour's reputation was secured with the 1855 Classification when it was included amongst the four premiers crus, a period which preceded a 'golden age' of vintages for the château.

Latour was purchased by businessman François Pinault in 1993 after 30 years of British ownership. The investment provided by one of the world's richest men as proprietor has been a great benefit. Pinault entrusts the management of the property to the brilliant Frederic Engerer and alongside Pierre Henri Chabot the cellar master, and vineyard manager Domingo Sanchez, they have made significant improvements to the estate. Latour's vineyards are situated in the south of the Pauillac appellation, bordering St Julien and are nearer to the Gironde estuary than any other 1st Growth. The micro-climate afforded by its close proximity to the Gironde and the excellent drainage of the gravel soils, which are particularly deep here, contribute to the incredible elegance of the wines. Latour is a true aristocrat amongst wines, one of the greatest in the world, and it is frequently Latour that comes out on top, even in difficult vintages.