



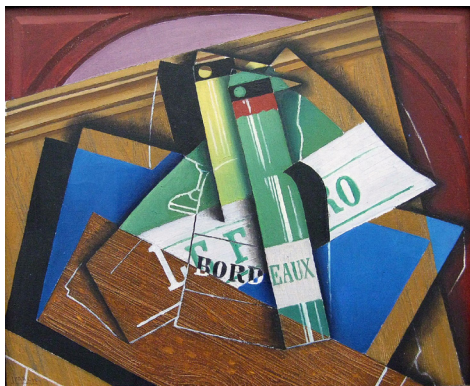
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PAUILLAC de LATOUR

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FRANÇOIS PINAULT *owner*
FREDERIC ENGERER *director*

Dating back to at least the 14th century, **Château Latour** lies at Pauillac's southern edge just north of Château Léoville-las-Cases in Saint-Julien. At 78 hectares (192 acres), Latour's vineyards were fully established by the 17th century, and for well over two centuries the estate has been revered as one of the greatest wine producers in the world. Writing in 1787, **Thomas Jefferson** described the La Tour Segur as one of Bordeaux's four top properties, and the 1855 Bordeaux classification placed the estate in the topmost class with only three peers, Margaux, Lafite, and Haut-Brion.



French billionaire **François Pinault** purchased this most historic of wine estates in 1993, cultivating a mind-bending portfolio that includes Napa's Eisele Vineyard, Clos de Tart in Morey-St-Denis (Burgundy's largest Grand Cru monopole), the Château-Grillet AOC monopole in Northern Rhône, and Domaine d'Eugénie in Vosne-Romanée (previously Dom. Engel). Pinault also owns Yves St. Laurent, Gucci and Christie's.

Since Pinault's purchase, Château Latour's dynamic Président **Frédéric Engerer** has overseen an aggressive investment programme that has brought the estate to the undisputed pre-eminent position at the top of the Bordeaux hierarchy, adding to Latour's long-enviable reputation for producing great wines in excellent vintages and very good wines in even the most challenging vintages.

Latour produces three red wines: the **Grand Vin** produced from vines immediately surrounding the château, known as L'Enclos; **Les Forts de Latour**, the pioneering "second" created in 1966 from a distinct location and consequent identity long considered a great wine in its own right, certainly worthy of classification status; and **Pauillac de Latour**, created largely from younger vines.

As one expects in Pauillac, Cabernet Sauvignon dominates, accounting for 80% of the estate's vines. Another 18% are Merlot, with 2% in Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Even the healthiest fruit sees rigorous selection and total destemming, and vinification is highly controlled in separate tanks for each vineyard parcel. A three-week maceration is followed by malo before the selected Grand Vin is run off into 100% new oak barrels. In comparison, Pauillac de Latour can be **45-55% Merlot** with vinification in **20% new barrels**, depending on vintage characteristics.

PAUILLAC DE LATOUR, Pauillac

Created in 1989 for a restaurant market that could ill afford to cellar the estate's Grand Vin decades before service, Pauillac de Latour is more generous than Latour's two other reds. This bottling shows forward fruit 4-5 years after vintage, and further develops in cellar over the near term.

*Antonio Galloni on 2015, **Vinous**: "Latour's 2015 Pauillac is gorgeous. Deep, pliant and super-expressive, the 2015 is utterly captivating. Silky tannins wrap around a core of fruit as this radiant, inviting wine shows off its charms. There is a level of purity to the 2015 that is remarkable. In the past, the Pauillac has at times been a bit wild. In 2015, it is the brightness of the fruit that makes the deepest impression."* *Stephen Spurrier on 2013, **Decanter**: "Lovely cassis fruit from a surprising 53% Merlot blend in 2013, smooth and ripe, will open early and develop well."* *WA on 2013: "Medium garnet in color, the 2013 Le Pauillac de Château Latour offers up notions of baked cherries, warm mulberries and plum preserves with touches of spice cake and dusty soil. Medium-bodied, soft, juicy and with loads of red and black fruit preserves flavors, it finishes on a refreshing earthy note."* *Antonio Galloni on 2013, **Vinous**: "The 2013 Pauillac is a tasty, hearty red laced with sweet red fruit, tobacco, earthiness, smoke and licorice... the wine opens up nicely with a little air, showing bright floral and red fruit overtones. The blend is 53.7% Merlot, 45.5% Cabernet Sauvignon and 0.8% Cabernet Franc."*

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