

CHÂTEAU LATOUR À POMEROL 2018

POMEROL

The winery is located on the Right Bank of the Bordeaux wine region, in the commune of Pomerol in the department Gironde. As all wine produced in this appellation, Château Latour à Pomerol is unclassified, but is estimated among the great crus of the region.



Appellation:	Pomerol
Vineyard size:	8 hectares (19.8 acres)
Soil Types:	Deep gravel & clay (2/3) Clay & loam (1/3)
Vineyard grape varieties:	90% Merlot - 10% Cabernet Franc
Average vine age:	25 years
Viticulture:	« Culture raisonnée » Soil tilling (4 ways) Vine growth management adapted to the climatic conditions
Harvest:	Manual harvest. Double sorting: manual and optical
Winemaking:	In thermo-regulated concrete and stainless-steel vats Gentle & controlled maceration & extraction
Aging:	16-18 months in French oak barrels (40% new)

HISTORY

Latour à Pomerol, which draws its name from the tower that adorns this charming château, was acquired by Mme Loubat, who also owned Château Petrus, in 1917. Etablissements Jean-Pierre Moueix has farmed the vineyard since 1962.

The vineyard is characterised by the diversity of its soils, which brings complexity and harmony to the wine: gravel and clay for a marvellous parcel next to the church of Pomerol; loam surrounding the château. The vineyard receives the same care applied to all the J.P. Moueix properties: leaf-thinning and green-harvesting to allow for optimal grape maturity followed by a manual harvest. The wine ferments in concrete vats before being aged in oak barrels. Château Latour à Pomerol is known for producing generous, concentrated wines that strike a perfect balance between elegance and power.

JAMES SUCKLING - 94 POINTS

Beautiful blackberry and blueberry aromas with hints of spices and wild mushrooms. Full-bodied with tight, firm and silky tannins. Try after 2024.

WINE SPECTATOR - 92 POINTS

Very silky and alluring in feel, with lovely blackberry and boysenberry puree flavors gliding through, laced with subtle anise and black tea. Savory hints dot the finish while the fruit and spice play out languidly. Drink now through 2032. 2,200 cases made. — JM

WINE ADVOCATE - 92 POINTS

Made from 100% Merlot, the 2018 Latour à Pomerol has a deep garnet-purple color and a relatively understated nose of stewed plums, baked blackberries and redcurrant jelly, plus suggestions of unsmoked cigars, cloves and pencil shavings. The medium to full-bodied palate has a sturdy frame of chewy tannins and plenty of freshness supporting the earth and mineral-tinged red and black fruits, finishing long and savory.

VINOUS - 91 POINTS

The 2018 Latour à Pomerol is effusive and racy right out of the glass. Crushed raspberry, cherry jam, mocha, new leather, spice and cedar fill out the layers. Ripeness is decidedly pushed in the 2018. The tannins are a bit firm, so a few years in the cellar seems prudent. Latour à Pomerol walks on the wild side in 2018. I liked this quite a bit more in barrel. -- Antonio Galloni

