

CHÂTEAU LATOUR À POMEROL 2019

POMEROL

2019 VINTAGE BLEND - 100% MERLOT

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)
Vineyard grape varietals:	100% Merlot	Average vine age:	25 years
Soil Types:	Deep gravel & clay (2/3) Clay & loam (1/3)		
Viticulture:	« Culture raisonnée » Soil tilling (4 ways) Vine growth management adapted to the climatic conditions		
Harvest:	Manual harvest. Double sorting: manual and optical		
Harvest dates:	September 18th - 24th 2019		
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.

2019 Vintage:

After a mild winter, spring alternated between sun and rain. Narrowly escaping a frost on April 13th, it was the rain in early June that first influenced the vintage. Indeed, the flowering suffered as a result and Merlot grapes counted an average of just 120 berries (instead of 200 usually). Confirming global warming trends, the summer was exceptionally sunny and warm, just missing the historic record for hours of sunshine set in 2018. On the gravel plateau of Pomerol, hydric stress set in as early as mid-July. Happily, we received gentle, favorable rain on July 26th (1.4 inches) that set off a quick and even veraison. This moment marked the qualitative turn of the vintage. At the end of August, Merlot grapes weighed 1.2 grams on average (instead of 1.5 grams in a normal vintage), heralding exceptional concentration but low yields: -20% in Pomerol. Graced by fine weather, we harvested optimally ripe grapes from September 18th until the 24th.

First impressions:

Château Latour à Pomerol 2019 conveys an impression both of great maturity and of lovely freshness, highlighted by subtle notes of black pepper. On the palate, the complex, savory wine enjoys a distinguished, elegant tannic structure. The finish is wonderfully persistent.

James Suckling - 97 Points

#57 in his Top wine from France

This has a really tightly wound ball of fine tannins. Tight, so formed and intense. Really great. Blackberries, black truffles, dark mushrooms and dried flowers. Chewy, yet so integrated and refined. Super wine from here. Try after 2026.

Also:

Decanter-95 Pts, Jeb Dunnock-94 Pts, Vinous-94 Pts, Wine Enthusiast-93 Pts, Wine Spectator-91 Pts, Wine Advocate-94 Pts, Wine Cellar Insider-93-95 Pts.

