

2023 CHÂTEAU LATOUR À POMEROL

POMEROL

2023 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.

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Appellation:	Pomerol	**Vineyard size:**	19.5 acres
Vineyard grape varietals:	100% Merlot	**Average vine age:**	25 years
Soil Types:	Deep gravel & clay (2/3) Clay & loam (1/3)		
Viticulture:	**Certified HVE 3** « 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 7th - 19TH 2023		
Winemaking:	In thermo-regulated concrete and stainless-steel vats Gentle & controlled maceration & extraction		
Aging:	16-18 months in French oak barrels (40% new)		



2023 Vintage: After a generally mild and dry winter, punctuated by a few cold spells, the first leaves appeared on the vines on the 31th of March, which falls in line with the past ten years. A homogenous budbreak augured favorably for a promising harvest. In April and May, stormy instability combined with above average seasonal temperatures increased the mildew pressure. However, thanks to the exemplary rapid response of our vineyard teams, these attacks were adeptly countered, saving our entire crop. Flowering started early on the 23rd of May, with large quantities of pollen suggesting a harvest of remarkable amplitude. The summer was unpredictable, with episodes in June of intense storms and high temperatures that were 3°C above the seasonal average. July was relatively cool, with light but frequent rainfall. The vines maintained their lead and véraison got under way, with the first coloured berries appearing on the 25th of July. Green harvesting and meticulous grooming significantly reduced yields to foster ripening and uniformity of the crop. August got off to a fairly cool start before tipping over to an intense heatwave from the 16th to the 24th, followed by a sudden drop in temperature. Hours of sunshine were below expectations, departing from the sunny character of recent vintages. In September, a heat wave struck again until the 11th, giving way to light rainfall, which encouraged full ripening.

JAMES SUCKLING-95 POINTS

A serious nose showing depth of fruit and complexity, with dark cherries, black plums, minerals, roasted spices and touches of citrus and mushrooms. Medium-bodied and well built, with solid fruit and firm, fine-grained tannins. Long and composed. 100% merlot.
This shows merlot approachability, but it will get more complex in two to four years.

VINOUS-94 POINTS

The 2023 Latour à Pomerol has a clean and pure bouquet with raspberry and blackberry fruit, mixed with incense and lightly pressed iris flower aromas. Quite understated in style.
The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannins, a lovely core of red fruit laced with white pepper and thyme, cohesive and harmonious, building toward the nicely structured finish.
This is slightly above my expectations from barrel and this is reflected in my score. ***Excellent.***

ALSO: DECANTER-94 PTS, JEB DUNNUCK-91-93 PTS, WINE CELLAR INSIDER-92-94 PTS, WINE ENTHUSIAST-93 PTS, WINE ADVOCATE-92-94 PTS, WINE SPECTATOR-92 PTS

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