



LES FORTS
DE LATOUR

— 2018 VINTAGE —

2018 was our final year of conversion to organic viticulture. A challenging vintage, it will be remembered for its record-breaking winter rainfall with a total of 330 mm from December through to January.

Even early spring remained unprecedentedly wet and cool. Buddburst was late and took place on 10th April for the Cabernet Sauvignon. A hot and dry April encouraged uniform vegetative growth, whereas May was particularly unstable, wet and stormy, with significant flooding and even violent hailstorms.

Despite this, the warmer days ensured that a good growth rate was maintained and that the bunches set well. Summer was exceptionally hot and dry with both heat- and water-stress noticeable in August. Fortunately, a series of storms at the end of the month brought 21 mm of rain, revitalising the suffering vines and kickstarting the ripening process. Despite a few showers early on, September was beautiful and dry.

HARVEST

Harvesting of the first Merlot plots started on 17th September and we finished picking the final Cabernet Sauvignon plots on 11th October.

BLEND

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot

TASTING COMMENT

Heady aromas of dark fruits, violet petals and pencil lead bestrewed with sweet spices and liquorice. This is an exhilarating wine, powerfully structured with present but fine-grained tannins, concentrated flavours and an acidity bringing a full and elegant finish to the mouth.



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PAUILLAC

Château Latour is situated in the heart of the Médoc wine region, about 50 km north-west of Bordeaux, where the legend of Bordeaux vineyards began. The Château's prime terroir, *l'Enclos*, overlooks the Gironde Estuary which over the centuries, has given the vineyard its geological complexity and, on a daily basis, ensures a mild climate.

In the years since 1993, under the leadership of the Pinault family, the estate's owner, significant changes have been made with a view to maintaining Château Latour's pursuit of excellence in the wines that it produces.