

Château Lynch Bages 2010

CSPC# 888364

750mlx6

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot.

Appellation Pauillac

Classification Fifth Growth. Cinquieme Grand Cru Classe in 1855

Website <https://www.lynchbages.com/en/vintages/>

General Info Château Lynch-Bages was owned by the Lynch family for three quarters of a century. They descended from John Lynch, a young Irishman from Galway who was chased out of his country in 1691. In the 18th century, Count Jean-Baptiste Lynch, mayor of Bordeaux, inherited the estate and handed over management to his brother Michel Lynch, who was also mayor of Pauillac during the French Revolution. Jean-Charles Cazes, highly respected in the Médoc for his experience in viticulture and winemaking, bought the property in 1934. With his son André, he devoted all his energy to Lynch-Bages for more than 35 years. In 1974, his grand-son Jean-Michel Cazes set about restructuring and managing the estate and recently, in 2006, handed over the running of the property to his son Jean-Charles.

Winemaker Jean Michel Cazes

Vintage Following the superb 2009 vintage, came 2010 to rival it... Both 2009 and 2010 had great amounts of alcohol, tannins and colour. The big difference between the vintages is in the acid levels. Indeed, thanks to the cool nights and generally lower temperatures, 2010 had much higher levels of acidity. In a nutshell, the growing season was extremely dry but without extremes of temperature, so the grapes were small with thick skins, rich in colour and tannin and fresh of flavour. The relatively cool, sunny weather that prevailed during ripening was propitious to preserving fruit and acidity.

Vineyards Stretching over some 100 hectares in the commune of Pauillac, the vineyards of Lynch-Bages lie entirely upon the soil of choice for great wines, formed along the estuary by the alluvia from the gravel of Médoc. The property sits among favourably designed hillcrests located south and southwest of the city. This particular topography allows for both a natural drainage of soils to the river and, with help of the water table in shallow areas, a fine feeding of water for the vines. The red wine vineyard of Lynch-Bages extends across a homogeneous soil and subsoil of deep Garonne gravel. Early yielding, scantily fertile and well drained, these soils are particularly favourable for Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. In the plots located along the river and the Gaët channel, the Garonne gravel soil is associated with clayey subsoil, more specifically suitable for Merlot. There is also a small part of the vineyard of predominantly sandy gravel, ideally suited for growing Cabernet Franc, which helps to yield lighter, aromatic, and nicely rounded wines. This analysis of the characteristics of the terroir, recorded during the planting of the varieties, has made it possible to identify an optimal planting. The average age of the vines is about 30 years old, with the oldest vines over 60 years old.

Harvest The harvest started in summery weather on Monday September 27, and was completed on October 14. 2010 Lynch-Bages has all the hallmarks of a very great vintage. It may appear premature to describe it in detail, but its deep colour, complexity, intense fruit, freshness, and tannic density already indicate enormous potential.

Maturation Aged in French oak barrels for 15 months (70% new wood)

Tasting Notes 2010 Lynch-Bages has all the hallmarks of a very great vintage. It may appear premature to describe it in detail, but its deep color, complexity, intense fruit, freshness, and tannic density already indicate enormous potential.

Serve with meat dishes, veal, pork, beef, lamb, duck, game, chicken, roasted, braised, and grilled dishes.

Production 25,000 cases made.

Cellaring Drink 2027-2067

Scores/Awards
96 points - James Suckling, Wine Spectator - March 2013
97 points - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - February 2022
96 points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate #205 - February 2013
96 points - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Wine Advocate - March 2020



Scores/Awards **96 points** - Neal Martin, Wine Journal 0314 - January 2014
93+ points - Neal Martin, Wine Journal 0313 - March 2010
98 points - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - February 2013
96 points/Cellar Selection - Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast - January 2013
16 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - April 2011
18 points - Stephen Spurrier, Decanter.com - April 2011
97 points - PK, Decanter.com - May 2021
97 points - Jane Anson, Insidebordeaux.com - April 2022
95 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - October 2019
95 points - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - May 2013
95 points - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com- April 2011
98 points - Farr Vintners - February 2020
97 points - Farr Vintners - April 2011
95 points - Neal Martin, Vinous - April 2020
92 points - Jean Marc Quarin- January 2016
94 points - Jeannie Cho Lee MW, asianpalate.com- April 2011
90 points - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - March 2014
95 points - Vert de Vin - April 2021
95 points - Gilbert & Gaillard - April 2011
18.5 points - La Revue du Vin France- January 2012
17 points - Bettane & Desseuve- July 2012
17.5 points - Vinum Wine Magazine- March 2013
