

LOUIS LATOUR – 2018 Vintage

15.5 points	Louis Latour, Château de Blagny Premier Cru 2018 Meursault
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Cask sample. Open and expressive on the nose. Very strong lees character – mealy, creamy pears. On the palate, dry, spicy and flavourful but a bit lean on the mid palate, then quite high acid on the finish. (JH)

16 points	Louis Latour, Charmes Premier Cru 2018 Meursault
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Cask sample. More subtle on the nose than the Meursault Blagny. Fresh melon and pear fruit. Richer in the mouth too, creamy pear fruit, leesy texture. A bit abrupt on the finish and a slight clash between the acid and (what I think is) the oak influence. (JH)

16 points	Louis Latour, Cailleret Premier Cru 2018 Chassagne Montrachet
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Cask sample. Light spice and citrus nose and more stony/mineral than the Puligny Chalumaux. Rounded and gentle on the palate. (JH)

16.5 points	Louis Latour, Grande Montagne Premier Cru 2018 Chassagne Montrachet
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Cask sample. Spicy citrus, ripe pear. Marked oak on the palate. Better freshness than in the Cailleret and better length. Mouth-watering and moreish, the fruit and the oak in balance but it needs a little more time than the other Louis Latour premier cru whites tasted so far. (JH)

15.5 points	Louis Latour, Sous le Puits Premier Cru 2018 Puligny Montrachet
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Cask sample. Ripe citrus and a note of oak spice. Creamy texture, rounded in the mouth, not quite enough acidity to balance though it is lifted by a slightly sour finish. (JH)

15.5 points	Louis Latour, Les Chalumaux Premier Cru 2018 Puligny Montrachet
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Cask sample. Aromas of ripe citrus and oaky spice. Creamy, rounded, the grainy texture of fresh pears. (JH)

16.5 points	Dom Louis Latour, Grand Cru 2018 Corton Charlemagne
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Cask sample. Rich, ripe and inviting on the nose. The lees and the oak have given definite spice and an attractive savoury character. Some vanilla and spice on the palate. (JH)

16.5 points	Dom Louis Latour, Les Demoiselles Grand Cru 2018 Chevalier Montrachet
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Cask sample. Typical 2018. (JH)

16.5 points	Louis Latour, Grand Cru 2018 Bâtard Montrachet
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Cask sample. Both spicy and mealy/savoury on the nose but no lack of pear fruit behind that. Rich and creamy in the mouth, fat and spicy. (JH)

16 points	Dom Louis Latour Pierres Dorées Pinot Noir 2018 Coteaux Bourguignons
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Planted 2010–2015. Cask sample. Mid crimson. Lightly spiced dark-red fruit. Juicy and fresh. Lively. Gentle but fine tannins. Slightly abrupt finish but well priced for a decent Pinot. (JH)

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16 points	Dom Louis Latour Les Vignes Franches Premier Cru 2018 Beaune
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Cask sample. Deep cherry red. Ripe and spicy and smells rich but not overripe. Doesn't smell very Beaune, nor very Pinot. I'm not sure I would recognise this as Pinot if I had it blind. Ripe and dark-fruited on the palate. Smooth but dense tannins. Lots of matière here. Flavourful rather than typical. (JH)

16.5 points	Dom Louis Latour, Les Chaillots Premier Cru 2018 Aloxe Corton
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Cask sample. Deep purplish crimson. Smells ripe, spicy and generous. Firm but refined in texture. Savoury with a touch of dark chocolate on the finish. Super-smooth and persistent too. Distinctive dark-fruited style. (JH)

16.5 points	Louis Latour En Chevret Premier Cru 2018 Volnay
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Cask sample. Very dark crimson with purple rim. Lovely fragrant rocky black fruit. Dry, refined, just enough flesh. Might be almost too elegant for those who like more fleshy red fruits. There's almost something a bit northern Rhône about this. Just a little dry on the finish but the tannins are fine as dust. (JH)

16.5 points	Louis Latour Les Epenots Premier Cru 2018 Pommard
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Cask sample. Deep cherry red. So different on the nose compared with the Volnay En Chevret: bright, scented red fruits, and just a touch of spice. Extremely refined tannin texture, restrained, subtle but long. Dry and stony on the finish. Elegant Pommard. (JH)

16 + points	Louis Latour, Les Petits Monts Premier Cru 2018 Vosne Romanée
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Cask sample. Deep cherry red. Scented with dark fruits, rock dust and sweet cherry, and just a little hint of vanilla. Rather too oaky on the palate, for now at least, so that the oak sweetness seems to clash with the more subtle fruit, but it should mesh in time. Dry, chalky tannins. (JH)

17 + points	Dom Louis Latour, Grand Cru 2018 Corton La Vigne au Saint
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Cask sample. Deep greyish crimson. Subtle dark fruit on the nose. Nicely stony/dusty. Very savoury on the palate, dark fruited, much more mineral than fruit. Elegant with dry tannic finesse. (JH)

17 + points	Dom Louis Latour Château Corton Grancey Grand Cru 2018 Corton
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Cask sample. Deep cherry red. Dark and rocky like the Corton-La Vigne au Saint but a little richer in fruit. Savoury, with a touch of the attractive dryness and flavour of dark chocolate. Subtle and elegant. (JH)

17 points	Dom Louis Latour Cuvée Héritiers Latour Grand Cru 2018 Chambertin
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100% new oak. Cask sample. Deep cherry red. Much more fruity on the nose than the Corton Grancey. Replete with dark-red fruit, much riper than any of the Louis Latour reds tasted so far. However, the texture is still finely dry and the finish is dry and savoury. (JH)

17.5 points	Dom Louis Latour, Les Quatres Journaux Gd Cru 2018 Romanée St Vivant
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100% new oak. Cask sample. Mid to deep cherry red. Scented with both red and dark fruit. Lovely harmony between juicy, scented dark-red fruit and super-fine, deliciously dry tannins. The most expressive of the Louis Latour grand cru reds and the most persistent. Elegant and promising a long future. (JH)