



# Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

## CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU

2008

- **REGION** Côte de Beaune
- **VILLAGE** Aloxe-Corton
- **APPELLATION** Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru
- **GRAPE VARIETY** Chardonnay

### *The Vine*

- **AVERAGE VINE AGE** 30 years
- **SOIL** Stony limestone.
- **AVERAGE YIELD** 40 hl/ha
- **HARVEST** Hand picked

### *Vinification & Ageing*

- **FERMENTATION** Traditional in oak barrels with complete malolactic fermentation
- **AGEING** 8 to 10 months ageing in oak barrels, 100% new
- **BARRELS** Louis Latour cooperage, French oak, medium toasted

### *Description*

After the ravages of the phylloxera epidemic at the end of the 19th century the Latour family took the then, unusual decision to tear up the dead Aligoté and Pinot Noir vines, and replace them with Chardonnay. This decision led them to create one of Burgundy's most celebrated white whites.

Today the Latour family owns 10.5 hectares which makes them the biggest owner in the appellation. The Latour's Corton-Charlemagne vineyards are located on a prime section of the Corton hillside where the south-easterly aspect ensures maximum exposure to the sun. The fruit is harvested as late as possible to guarantee maximum ripeness.

### *Wine tasting*

- **TASTING NOTE** This Grand Cru has a complex bouquet of fresh almonds and hints of oak. Impressive in structure it also reveals mineral notes on the finish. This is without doubt a wine to lay down for a few more years.
- **CELLARING POTENTIAL** 10-15 years
- **FOOD PAIRING** Shellfish - lobster - foie gras - fish - mature cheeses.
- **SERVING TEMPERATURE** 12-14°

### *Press review*

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2008 - The International Wine & Food Society - October 2017

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2008 - Wine Chronicles - May 2016 - 93/100

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2008 - Tom Cannavan's wine-pages.com - August 2015 - 94/100

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2008 - James Suckling - June 2015 - 94/100

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2008 - The Sunday Business Post - February 2015 - 94/100

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2008 - Wine Spectator - May 2011 - 92/100

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2008 - Wine Enthusiast - November 2010 - 95/100

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2008 - Burghound.com - July 2010 - 92-94/100

