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Smart Buys: *Louis Latour*



Though it was founded in 1797, much of the growth of Maison Louis Latour has occurred in the last 50 years. First, Louis Latour; then his son, Louis-Fabrice Latour, representing the 11th generation, have expanded the business to its present annual production of 750,000 cases.

Centered on the hill of Corton, Louis Latour owns 114 acres of mostly premiers and grands crus vineyard, yet much of its Burgundy production comes from appellations ranging from Chablis to the Mâconnais. Since the 1970s, the firm has been very active in white wine production.

As Burgundy prices have risen over the past decade, the lesser-known appellations have become sources of value in the region. This has been the Latour's strength, with offerings from up and down the Côte d'Or and farther south from the Côte Chalonnaise and Mâconnais. The 2015 Vintage is particularly good in these appellations.

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-Bruce Sanderson



Louis Latour Montagny 1er Cru "La Grand Roche" 2015

A whiff of oyster shell adds to the peach and lemon core in this rich, supple white, leaving a refreshing impression on the chalky finish. Montagny produces mostly whites, with both elegance and richness.

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Louis Latour Marsannay 2015

Marsannay, at the northern end of the Côte de Nuits, is a source of authentic reds full of red and black fruit. Smoky cherry flavors and a sweet smell of burning vine cuttings mark this slim red, which is juicy, firm and balanced, with a slightly chewy finish.



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Louis Latour Mercurey 2015

The reds of Mercurey bear similarity to those of Côte de Nuits and are capable of aging a decade or more in the best vintages. This lean version is austere yet pure, with a light smoky note adding sweetness to the cherry and strawberry fruit. *Still Available*



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Louis Latour Mâcon-Villages "Chameroy" 2015

Pure and fruity, this balanced white boasts flavors of apple, melon and lemon cake, with a light touch of spice.

