



# Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

## CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU

2002

- REGION Côte de Beaune
- APPELLATION Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru
- VILLAGE Aloxé-Corton
- 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 In the glass this wine glistens with a brilliant straw hue and has a distinct bouquet of sweet spice, vanilla and smoky aromas. On the palate this Grand Cru has balanced acids and beautiful structure with flavours of vanilla and smoky oak bursting through. A wine which lingers impressively and shows great potential. Tasted 06.02.04
- CELLARING POTENTIAL 10-15 years
- FOOD PAIRING Shellfish - lobster - foie gras - fish - mature cheeses.
- SERVING TEMPERATURE 12-14°

### *Press review*

Corton-Charlemagne Vertical Tasting - La Revue du Vin de France - February 2006 - "Blends minerality and robustness as well as great longevity"

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2002 - Wine Review Online - September 2006 - 97/100:

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2002 - Wine Enthusiast - December 2004 - 96/100

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2002 - Burghound.com - July 2004 - 92/100

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2002 - World Wine Awards - Decanter Magazine - October 2005 - "Very good"

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2002 - Wine Advocate - February 2004 - 91-93/100

