



# Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

## CORTON GRAND CRU "CLOS DE LA VIGNE AU SAINT" 1996

- REGION Côte de Beaune
- VILLAGE Aloxé-Corton
- APPELLATION Corton Grand Cru
- GRAPE VARIETY Pinot Noir

### *The Vine*

- AVERAGE VINE AGE 40 years
- SOIL Marl and limestone
- AVERAGE YIELD 35 hl/ha
- HARVEST Hand picked

### *Vinification & Ageing*

- FERMENTATION Traditional in open-vat fermentation
- AGEING 10 to 12 months ageing in oak barrels, 35% new
- BARRELS Louis Latour cooperage, French oak, medium toasted

### *Description*

Clos de la Vigne au Saint is a very old vineyard; the earliest known record of its existence is in 1375 when it is mentioned in the records of the Chapter of Saulieu. The Latour family have a long connection with this vineyard which began in the early 19th century when Louis Latour's great great grandmother owned a section of the vineyard. Since then it has remained in family hands, passing from generation to generation. The vineyard has perfect southerly exposure on the Corton hill lying on a bedrock outcrop towards the bottom of the slope. The soil is a rusty red colour and rich in marl which gives the wines distinct aromas. This wine possesses the elegance that we expect from a Côte d'Or Grand Cru and will age particularly well.

### *Wine tasting*

- TASTING NOTE A clear appearance with a perfumed nose of red fruit and pencil box type aromas. In the mouth, it showed silky tannins and supple fruit character. The finish was meaty in flavour although elegant and delicate. This complexity makes the wine suave and sophisticated with great potential for the future.
- CELLARING POTENTIAL 10-15 years
- FOOD PAIRING Roasted hare - partridge - duck "à l'orange" - mature cheeses
- SERVING TEMPERATURE 16-17°

