Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

Grand Ardèche
2016

- **Region** Côteaux de l'Ardèche
- **Village** Ardèche
- **Appellation** Indication Géographique Protégée Ardèche
- **Grape variety** Chardonnay

The Vine

- **Average vine age** 20 years
- **Soil** Clay and chalk.
- **Average yield** 45 hl/ha
- **Harvest** Mechanical

Vinification & Ageing

- **Fermentation** Traditional in oak barrels with complete malolactic fermentation
- **Ageing** 8 to 10 months ageing in oak barrels, 20% new
- **Barrels** Louis Latour cooperage, French oak, medium toasted

Description

Maison Louis Latour is one of the most innovative producers in Burgundy whilst maintaining its traditional image. In 1979, with a view to expanding the business the valley of the Ardèche river with its clay and limestone-based soils was chosen as the ideal location to produce top-quality Chardonnay wines. The Grand Ardèche comes from the best vineyards, carefully selected every year when harvesting begins. The grapes are pressed and the must is placed immediately in oak barrels made by the cooperage at Latour, where the wine will age for approximately 10 months, like the great wines of Burgundy.

Wine tasting

- **Tasting Note** The colour of this Grand Ardèche 2016 is characterized by a pale golden colour. This wine offers lovely notes of brioche, almond, fresh apricot and vanilla. The ample mouth reminds aromas of almond paste and vanilla. Nice final tension.
- **Cellaring Potential** 3-5 years
- **Food Pairing** Aperitif - charcuterie - shellfish - fish.
- **Serving temperature** 10-12°

Press review

Grand Ardèche 2016 - Harpers Wine Stars - November 2018 - 2 stars
Grand Ardèche 2016 - Wine Spectator - November 2018 - Best value