Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

Montrachet Grand Cru
2009

- **Region** Côte de Beaune
- **Village** Puligny-Montrachet

- **Appellation** Montrachet Grand Cru
- **Grape variety** Chardonnay

The Vine

- **Average vine age** 40 years
- **Soil** Chalk, gravel, limestone.
- **Average yield** 35 hl/ha
- **Harvest** Hand picked

Vinification & Ageing

- **Fermentation** Traditional in oak barrels with complete malolactic fermentation
- **Ageing** 10 to 12 months ageing in oak barrels, 100% new
- **Barrels** Louis Latour cooperage, french oak, medium toasted

Description

Le Montrachet Grand Cru covers only 8 hectares between Puligny-Montrachet and Chassagne-Montrachet. This particular area was known during the 13th century as 'Mont Rachas'. 'La rache' in the Burgundian dialect is commonly known as ringworm, a skin disease that causes hair loss. This baldness gives its name to the bare and stony hillside, which grew only thorny bushes until vines were planted. The terroir of Montrachet is a notable exception because its brown soils, usually reserved for Pinot Noir, transforms the Chardonnay into one of the greatest white wines in the world. The east exposure captures sunlight later in the evening. These factors are critical to achieve optimal ripeness. Our grapes come from a parcel with an area of 0.80 hectares which extends from the top to the bottom of the slope in the central part of North Montrachet, situated on the Puligny-Montrachet side.

Wine tasting

- **Tasting Note** Pale yellow, this Montrachet has a floral nose. Still discreet but complex, it hints at its great future to come. On tasting it yields more, it is generous and the oak is present but harmonious. Great structure in the mouth. Tasted November 2010.
- **Cellaring Potential** 10-15 years
- **Food Pairing** Great shellfish - lobster - fish - foie gras.
- **Serving temperature** 12-14°

Press review

Montrachet Grand Cru 2009 - Wine Spectator - August 2012 - 93/100
Montrachet Grand Cru 2009 - Wine Enthusiast - September 2011 - 95/100 - "Cellar Selection"
Montrachet Grand Cru 2009 - Burghound.com - June 2011 - 95/100