



# Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

## MONTRACHET GRAND CRU

2016

- 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, transform here 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 The Montrachet Grand Cru 2016 reveals a lovely pale gold colour. The nose is intense and complex with aromas of lime and candied lemon. Offering a powerful palate, lemon notes are as present as the nose. Nice final tension.
- CELLARING POTENTIAL 10-15 years
- FOOD PAIRING Great shellfish - lobster - fish - foie gras
- SERVING TEMPERATURE 12-14°

### *Press review*

- Montrachet Grand Cru 2016 - Inside Burgundy, Jasper Morris - January 2018 - 96/100
- Montrachet Grand Cru 2016 - William Kelley, Wine Advocate (USA) - January 2019 - 94/100
- Montrachet Grand Cru 2016 - Wine Spectator - October 2018 - 94/100
- Montrachet Grand Cru 2016 - Burghound.com - June 2018 - 95/100

