Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

Montrachet Grand Cru
2018

- **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

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** With its bright pale gold hue, this Montrachet Grand Cru 2018 offers a complex nose of grilled bread, yellow fruits, honey and acacia notes. With amplitude on the mouthfeel, it has fresh almond and yellow fruits aromas on the palate. The freshness on the finale offers a nice aromatic persistence.
- **Cellaring Potential** 10-15 years
- **Food Pairing** Large shellfish - lobster - fish - foie gras.
- **Serving temperature** 12-14°

Press review

Montrachet Grand Cru 2018 - 98/100 - James Suckling

Montrachet Grand Cru 2018 - Burghound.com - Allen Meadows - June 2020 - 91-94/100

Montrachet Grand Cru 2018 - World of Fine Wine - March 2020 - 94/100

Montrachet Grand Cru 2018 - Bill Nanson - January 2020 - "A tour de force of complexity"