



2020

2020 marks the beginning of a “new era” at Lynch-Bages as it will be the first vintage born in the new winery. Bud break and flowering promised a particularly early vintage. After a relatively mild winter and spring, and rain in May and June, the summer months were hot and dry. The storms on 15 August helped the grapes to complete their maturation and achieve a very good sugar and polyphenol content.

Following a harvest carried out entirely by hand, while taking all the necessary health precautions required under the circumstances, alcoholic fermentation ended rapidly after one week.

Post-fermentation maceration gave the already harmonious wines additional fatness and volume. The aromas were then able to express their full potential. The Merlot brought a powerful freshness and beautiful fruity aromas. The Cabernet and Petit Verdot expressed notes of ripe fruit and developed a wonderful tannic structure.

The phenolic potential was of a high quality, with a maceration revealing intense colours and powerful tannins.

After an average vatting time of 20 days, running off began on 6 October. Malolactic fermentation then took place in the new malolactic fermentation cellar, one third in vats and two thirds in barrels. At the end of November, we began our first blends, followed by barrel maturation.

Château Lynch-Bages 2020

Blend:

60% Cabernet Sauvignon
31% Merlot
4% Cabernet Franc
5% Petit Verdot

Ageing:

18 months in French oak barrels (75% new wood)

Analyses:

Alcohol: 13.41% vol.
Acidity: 4.0 g/l of H₂SO₄
pH: 3.73
TPI: 93

Echo de Lynch-Bages 2020

Blend:

60% Cabernet Sauvignon
40% Merlot

Ageing:

One-year-old barrels for 12 months

Analyses:

Alcohol: 13.03% vol.
Acidity: 3.9 g/l of H₂SO₄
pH: 3.78
TPI: 80