

Chateau Lynch Bages Tasting



Date : Wednesday, 1st March, 2017
Time : 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Venue : 12/F Hong Kong Wine Vault (Wong Chuk Hang)
No. of Attendees : 80
Wines Tasted : Blanc de Lynch Bages 2015
Echo de Lynch Bages 2012
Les Ormes de Pez 2011
Les Ormes de Pez 2008
Lynch Bages 2011
Lynch Bages 2000



Lynch Bages, which has a long history in Bordeaux takes its name from the local area where the chateau is located in **Bages** in 16th century, the history of wine production in the area really began in the 18th century. From 1749 to 1824, the vineyard was

owned by **Thomas Lynch**, the son of an Irishman from Galway who worked as a merchant in Bordeaux. Thomas Lynch managed the land wisely and produced high quality wines under the name of "Cru de Lynch". As part of the prestigious 1855 Classification, for the Exposition Universelle de Paris, his wine would soon be classified as one of the fifth growths. Later on, Jean "Lou Janou" Cazes, a "Montagnol" (a term used to describe farmers from the austere upper valleys of Ariège), came to the Médoc to earn a living. In the 1930's, General Félix de Vial, a descendant of the Cayrou family, leased the vineyard to Jean-Charles Cazes, the son of "Lou Janou" and a farmer at Château Ormes de Pez in Saint-Estèphe. Cazes went on to purchase both properties in the wake of World War II. Lynch-Bages has been run by the Cazes family ever since.



Lynch Bages' old vat-house represents a rare example of traditional winemaking equipment

Around 1970, they increased their vineyards with the purchase of land from Haut-Bages Averous and Saussus. By the late 1990's their holdings had expanded to almost 100 hectares! Jean-Michel Cazes who had been employed as an engineer in Paris, joined the wine trade in 1973. In a short time, Jean Michel Cazes modernized everything at Lynch Bages. He installed a new vat room, insulated the buildings, developing new technologies and equipment, building storage cellars, restoring the loading areas and wine storehouses over the next fifteen years and he was one of the first chateau owners to begin promoting their wine in China in 1986!



Lynch Bages' winemaking team continues to make better and better wines every years and designed the modern wine making facilities

(From left to right – Vat room, Bottling machine, Satellite technology surveys on soil quality)

The Lynch Bages vineyards are planted predominantly from Cabernet Sauvignon, blended with Merlot, Cabernet Franc and a touch of Petit Verdot. The average age of vines is 30 years with some being as old as 60. The combination of finest terroir and precise winemaking techniques have served to firmly establish Lynch Bages reputation for consistent quality.



It was our great pleasure to have Mr. Jean-Charles Cazes (left), owner of Chateau Lynch Bages to present their premium wines to us.

Blanc de Lynch Bages 2015

A blend of 50% Sauvignon Blanc, 33% Semillon and 17% Muscadelle -- It shows a ripe nose of white flower and white peach, medium weight with tropical fruits characters followed by dense structure. It is a really delicious wine!

Echo de Lynch Bages 2012

A blend of 57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc – It boasts the ruby/plum-colored accompanied by the beautiful nose of blackberries, plum and licorice characters. Medium-bodied, finesse with moderate tannin, drinking beautifully now!

Les Ormes de Pez 2011

A blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 41% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot -- an expressive red and black fruit intermixed with spicy nose. Medium weight, soft, chocolate and good tannin structure with an overall expression of harmony and balance.

Les Ormes de Pez 2008

The dense ruby color exhibits the aromas of licorice, plums and black fruits favors. Medium to full-bodied, earthy, chocolate and silky tannin that are well-integrated.

Lynch Bages 2011

A blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot -- It exhibits a dense ruby/purple color, lots of black currants and crème de cassis on the nose. Rich, good concentration with gorgeous texture and excellent length on the finish!

Lynch Bages 2000

Beautifully mature with lots of development, black and blue berries, crème de cassis, leather and a touch of cedar on the nose. Full-bodied, powerful, elegant with refined tannin that are well integrated and wonderful finesse. Delicious, brilliant finish.