Louis Latour Agencies

Grand Ardèche Louis Latour

Vintage Country of Origin Region Grape varieties

2016 France South of France Chardonnay

Wine description

Louis Latour came to the Ardèche in 1979 attracted by its climate and the clay limestone soils that are perfect for the Chardonnay vine. The consistent climate and abundant sunshine perfectly ripen the grapes, whilst the drying Mistral wind eliminates the risk of rot. Grand Ardèche is treated as if it were grown in one of the prestigious vineyards of the Côte d'Or. Fully-ripened grapes are selected and pressed lightly before being aged in oak barrels made at the Latour cooperage in Beaune.

Tasting note

This wine offers aromas of fresh almonds and vanilla with fresh green apple and citrus overtones. On the palate the wine has lovely notes of brioche, almond, fresh apricot and vanilla. Full bodied and reminiscent of the great Burgundian villages of Meursault.

Vineyard information

Average vine age	20 years old
Soil composition	Clay and Chalk
Average yield (hl/ha)	45 hl/ha
Harvest type	Machine harvested
Environmental management	Sustainable - ISO 14001 certified

Winemaking information

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Fermentation vessel	French oak barrels
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Maturation vessel	French oak barrels, 20% new
Maturation time	8 to 10 months
Finning/clarification	Yes - Bentonite (mineral)
Filtration	Yes

Wine Analysis Alcohol by volume

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13.5%