

# Château Latour Martillac Blanc 2021

CSPC# 860787

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

<b>Grape Variety</b>	57% Sauvignon Blanc, 43% Semillon
<b>Appellation</b>	Pessac-Léognan
<b>Classification</b>	Grand Cru Classe de Graves
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.latourmartillac.com/en/the-wines/">http://www.latourmartillac.com/en/the-wines/</a>
<b>Sustainability</b>	Traditional sustainable farming methods, with mechanical soil maintenance. The work on the growing vines is carried out manually (pruning, excess buds, shoots, and leaves removal). High Environmental Value Certification (HEV).
<b>General Info</b>	<p>The estate takes its name from the tower which stands in the main courtyard of the château; it is the remnant of a fort built in the 12th century by the ancestors of Montesquieu. The structure occupied a strategic position and controlled the route between Bordeaux and Toulouse. The stones of the fort were used to build the existing château at the end of the 18th century.</p> <p>In 1871, the estate attracted the attention of Edouard Kressmann who had just founded his wine merchant business in Bordeaux. He was seduced by the quality of the white wines grown on a remarkable gravelly hilltop with marked relief and outstanding exposure.</p> <p>To this day one can still find in the plot grafted in 1884, the entire collection of Edouard Kressmann's selection of grape varieties for his « Grave Monopole Dry », as baptised by the Diva, Adelina Patti. Enhanced by their great age these vine stocks embody the breed, verve and essence which still characterises this wine.</p> <p>Alfred Kressmann, eldest son of Edouard, acquired the property in 1930. He changed the name: to avoid confusion with its illustrious namesake in the Medoc: Château Latour became Château LaTour-Martillac.</p> <p>There then followed a long period of reconstruction. The vineyard consists of a dozen hectares of which the majority was planted in white wine. Without touching the oldest plots, Alfred Kressmann added Cabernet Sauvignon to the merlot already in place. Interrupted by the war, the reconstruction was continued after by Jean Kressmann, who succeeded his father in 1954.</p> <p>Jean finally achieved the family dream to acquire the gravel slope, which separates the property from the village. Thus, the vineyard was gradually extended to nearly 30 hectares.</p>
<b>Winemaker</b>	Valérie Vialard, œnologist
<b>Vintage</b>	The very wet winter gave way to a mild and particularly dry spring, with only 40 mm of precipitation in March-April, compared to 70 mm on average. This month of April was marked by several episodes of frost, causing some damage to the earliest plots. Flowering, at the beginning of June, was particularly uniform. The summer was relatively cool, with the exception of a heat wave at the end of July and mid-August, which led to a slight delay in the veraison. 2021 is the first vintage driven by Edouard Kressmann.
<b>Vineyard</b>	The vineyard is divided into two uniform subsectors. On the Martillac plateau, the hill dominates the property and is made up of a patchwork of gravel. These little pebbles deposited there by the river Garonne in the Quaternary period form a finely tuned mix of Quartz, Lydian, Jasper and Flint. These poor soils and drainage constitute an ideal terrain for the vine and in particular for the red grape varieties of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Moving closer to the Garonne, the soil takes on a different profile of clay and limestone, still with a gravel surface. It is here that the Merlot variety grows best and also our white grape varieties of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. 10 ha (total surface: 50 ha) for white wine grapes. Clay-limestone soil on the eastern slopes of the property, offering good natural drainage with optimum exposure for our white grape varieties.
<b>Harvest</b>	Sauvignon Blanc: Sept. 9 to 21 Sémillon: Sept. 15 to 21
<b>Vinification/</b>	Alcoholic fermentation in oak barrels.
<b>Maturation</b>	Ageing: 15 months on lees, whose 10months in French oak barrels. New barrels: 25%



<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Château Latour-Martillac 2021 is a promising white vintage. Straw-yellow in color with crystalline highlights, the nose reveals fruit aromas (citrus, pear, pineapple), with hints of almond and white flowers (jasmine). The attack on the palate is precise and taut, with notes of tropical fruits. The body is balanced and unctuous, with a hint of salinity. The long finish is refreshing and full of energy.
<b>Serve with</b>	The white wine of Chateau LaTour Martillac is perfect to serve with shellfish, sashimi, sushi, all types of seafood, chicken, veal, and cheese. Above 10°C / 50°F for young wines. Between 12°C / 53°F and 14°C / 57°F, after 4-5 years of aging.
<b>Production</b>	2, 500 cases made
<b>Cellaring</b>	Drink 2024-2030
<b>Scores/Awards</b>	<p><b>90 points</b> - James Molesworth, Wine Spectator - January 2024</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - Yohan Castaing, Wine Advocate - February 2024</p> <p><b>89-91 points</b> - William Kelley, Wine Advocate - April 2022</p> <p><b>89-91 points</b> - Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent - May 2022</p> <p><b>93 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - January 2024</p> <p><b>92-93 points</b> - James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com - May 2022</p> <p><b>93 points</b> - Georgina Hindle, Decanter.com - March 2022</p> <p><b>93 points</b> - Jeff Leve, thewinecellarinsider.com - March 2023</p> <p><b>88 points</b> - Tim Atkin, MW - timatkin.com (score only) - April 2022</p> <p><b>92-94 points</b> - Neal Martin, Vinous - May 2022</p> <p><b>90-91 points</b> - Antonio Galloni, Vinous - May 2022</p> <p><b>90-93 points</b> - Jeb Dunnuck MW - June 2022</p> <p><b>17.5 points</b> - Matthew Jukes - April 2022</p> <p><b>89 points</b> - Jean Marc Quarin (score only) - April 2022</p> <p><b>92 points</b> - Peter Moser, Falstaff Magazine - May 2022</p>
<b>Reviews</b>	<p><i>"Features a fresh mix of Key lime pith, honeysuckle and chamomile notes backed by yellow apple accents. Lingers on the persistent finish. Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon. Drink now through 2026. 2,500 cases made."</i> - JM, Wine Spectator</p> <p><i>"The 2021 Blanc possesses a fresh, minty bouquet with aromas of white fruits, citrus, herbs, and spring flowers, followed by a medium-bodied, satiny, and supple palate with a fleshy core of fruit and bright acids and concluding with a saline, long finish. The significant presence of Sémillon grapes ensures a large potential for aging."</i> - YC, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Aromas of citrus oil, crisp orchard fruit and pastry cream introduce the 2021 Latour Martillac Blanc, a medium-bodied, bright and incisive wine that's performing well this year."</i> - WK, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"The 2021 Latour-Martillac Blanc is made from 57% Sauvignon Blanc and 43% Semillon, harvested from 9 to 21 September with yields of 46 hl/ha, and aging in 25% new oak. It leaps with notes of fresh pears, yellow apples, and grapefruit, plus hints of nutmeg and fennel seed. Light to medium-bodied, the palate has loads of zing, with crisp apple and citrus flavors and a zesty finish."</i> - LPB, Wine Independent</p> <p><i>"Smoky gooseberries, seashell minerality, waxed lemons and sour cream on the nose. The bright and zingy palate shows good width and mineral tension. Saline, focused and long. Drink or hold."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"Fresh and crisp with green apple, nettle, pineapple, and gooseberry. A hint of white pepper, too. Medium-bodied with a vibrant finish."</i> - JS, JamesSuckling.com</p> <p><i>"A crystalline aspect to the nose, real clarity, and freshness. The palate is striking, zesty and alive, sharp yet also with density that gives a push-pull from the acidity and succulence. This is characterful, certainly full of life and flavour with a touch of sherbet sourness and honeyed sweetness. Lots to like here, with a directness on the palate and a certain tension despite the range of flavours. This will have fans!"</i> - GH, Decanter.com</p>

- Reviews** *"Honeysuckle, orange rind, lemon peel, flowers, green apples, and pineapple create the enticing perfume. Juicy, crisp, fresh, and creamy on the palate, with a sweetness to the yellow citrus along with crisp freshness in the finish. Drink from 2023-2033."*  
- JL, *thewinecellarinsider.com*
- "The 2021 Latour-Martillac Blanc has a knockout nose with apple blossom, nettle, wet pavement, and citrus peel aromas. Real energy here. The palate is well balanced with fine concentration, taut and fresh with plenty of extract, touches of spice emerge towards the finish. Excellent."*  
- NM, *Vinous*
- "The 2021 Latour-Martillac Blanc offers an intriguing interplay of tension and fruit intensity. Lemon confit, marzipan, dried flowers, chamomile, and mint come together effortlessly in the glass. Sémillon adds quite a bit of texture. Drink 2023-2030."*  
- AG, *Vinous*
- "I'm not sure the 2021 Château Latour-Martillac Blanc matches the 2019, but it's a gorgeous white, nonetheless. Giving up a bright, racy, almost reductive style in its lime, crushed stone, and green citrus aromas and flavors, this medium-bodied, balanced white is very much in the cooler, fresher style of this vintage. If it puts on weight over the course of its élevage, it should check in near the top of this barrel range."*  
- Jeb Dunnuck
- "This is keen-edged wine with little oak adornments, and this means it has a purity and sharpness to the back of the palate that gives it energy and bounce. While I don't doubt it will age well, the fruit is combative, exciting, and feisty, and I feel that I would like to drink it before it gets to four years of age."*  
- Matthew Jukes
- "Very pale yellow-green, silver reflections. Delicate hints of orange blossom, a touch of white apple, somewhat restrained bouquet. Medium-bodied, juicy, fine stone fruit, fine acidity, saline finish, good ageing potential."*  
- PM, *Falstaff Magazine*
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