



# Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

## CORTON-CHARLEMAGNE GRAND CRU 2005

- **REGION** Côte de Beaune
- **VILLAGE** Aloxé-Corton
- **APPELLATION** Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru
- **GRAPE VARIETY** Chardonnay

### *The Vine*

- **AVERAGE VINE AGE** 30 years
- **SOIL** Stony limestone.
- **AVERAGE YIELD** 40 hl/ha
- **HARVEST** Hand picked

### *Vinification & Ageing*

- **FERMENTATION** Traditional in oak barrels with complete malolactic fermentation
- **AGEING** 8 to 10 months ageing in oak barrels, 100% new
- **BARRELS** Louis Latour cooperage, French oak, medium toasted

### *Description*

After the ravages of the phylloxera epidemic at the end of the 19th century the Latour family took the then, unusual decision to tear up the dead Aligoté and Pinot Noir vines, and replace them with Chardonnay. This decision led them to create one of Burgundy's most celebrated white wines.

Today the Latour family owns 10.5 hectares which makes them the biggest owner in the appellation. The Latour's Corton-Charlemagne vineyards are located on a prime section of the Corton hillside where the south-easterly aspect ensures maximum exposure to the sun. The fruit is harvested as late as possible to guarantee maximum ripeness.

### *Wine tasting*

- **TASTING NOTE** A masterpiece in complexity and an overall powerful wine. Notes of roasted almonds with smoky undertones, in addition one finds a slight hint of black powder, and of tartness, proof of its excellent acidity/fruit balance. We encounter buttery aromas, vanilla-like ones that are enhanced with ripe yellow flesh fruit ones; mango. A wine in full evolution, to be enjoyed for many years to come. Tasted January 2007
- **CELLARING POTENTIAL** 10-15 years
- **FOOD PAIRING** Shellfish - lobster - foie gras - fish - mature cheeses.
- **SERVING TEMPERATURE** 12-14°

### *Press review*

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2005 - Jersey Gallery Magazine - November 2011 - "An absolute masterpiece"

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2005- TheFineWineTimes.com - February 11th, 2010 - "A concentrated, powerful and complex Chardonnay"

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2005 - Financial Times - January 2007 - 17+/20

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2005 - Wine Spectator - August 2007 - 93/100

Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru 2005 - Burghound.com - July 2007 - 91-94/100

