



# Louis Latour

MAISON FONDÉE EN 1797

## GRAND ARDÈCHE

2009

- REGION Côteaux de l'Ardèche
- VILLAGE Ardèche
- APPELLATION Indication Géographique Protégée Ardèche
- GRAPE VARIETY Chardonnay

### *The Vine*

- AVERAGE VINE AGE 20 years
- SOIL Clay and chalk
- AVERAGE YIELD 45 hl/ha
- HARVEST Mechanical

### *Vinification & Ageing*

- FERMENTATION Traditional in oak barrels with complete malolactic fermentation
- AGEING 8 to 10 months ageing in oak barrels, 20% new
- BARRELS Louis Latour cooperage, French oak, medium toasted

### *Description*

Maison Louis Latour is one of the most innovative producers in Burgundy whilst maintaining its traditional image. In 1979, with a view to expanding the business the valley of the Ardèche river with its clay and limestone-based soils was chosen as the ideal location to produce top-quality Chardonnay wines. The Grand Ardèche comes from the best vineyards, carefully selected every year when harvesting begins. The grapes are pressed and the must is placed immediately in oak barrels made by the cooperage at Latour, where the wine will age for approximately 10 months, like the great wines of Burgundy.

### *Wine tasting*

- TASTING NOTE Still young this 09 has a pretty colour with green tinges. The bouquet reveals toasted bread notes and in the mouth it is rich, fat and smooth and lingers on the tongue. It is long in the mouth and with time this wine will really unfold. Tasted November 2010.
- CELLARING POTENTIAL 3-5 years
- FOOD PAIRING Aperitif - charcuterie - shellfish - fish
- SERVING TEMPERATURE 10-12°

### *Press review*

Grand Ardèche 2009 - 2011 International Wine Competition - May 2011 - Bronze medal

