



LES FORTS DE LATOUR PAUILLAC 2008

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Château Latour stands among the most hallowed names in Bordeaux, a Premier Grand Cru Classé since 1855 and a benchmark for Pauillac. But Les Forts de Latour, introduced in 1966, is far from a traditional second label. It comes from dedicated plots within the estate, particularly the Enclos's outskirts and selected younger vines, and is made with the same obsessive attention to detail as the Grand Vin. Since Latour withdrew from en primeur sales in 2012, releases of Les Forts come only when deemed ready, ensuring maturity and consistency at the highest level.

The 2008 vintage was characterised by a cool, late-ripening season, resulting in excellent harvest conditions that yielded wines of remarkable purity and structure. Les Forts is typically Cabernet Sauvignon-dominant, with Merlot providing supple depth and occasionally a touch of Cabernet Franc or Petit Verdot. Vinification took place in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks, followed by 18–20 months of ageing in 50–60% new French oak barrels. The result is a wine with the architecture and finesse of a Grand Vin, yet with slightly more approachability in its earlier decades.

