

**CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE 2022**  
**Grand Cru Classé en 1855**  
**Pauillac**



Antonio Galloni  
**vinous**

**Score: 96-98**

By Neal Martin – Vinous – April 2023

The 2022 Grand-Puy-Lacoste was picked from 7 to 23 September and contains more merlot due to the high quality of the fruit, matured in 75% new oak. There is a 14.2% alcohol. Therefore, this lends this GPL a little more precocity and sensuality compared to other vintages, not cut from the same “classical” cloth as, say, the 2019 or 2020. Underlying this velvety veneer are enticing traits of freshly-rolled tobacco and undergrowth. The palate is medium-bodied with finely-sculpted tannins. Silky smooth in texture, so much so that it belies that backbone underneath. There is a peacock’s tail of mineral-rich, quite peppery black fruit on the finish, completing a Pauillac endowed with huge potential.



**Score: 95-97**

By William Kelley – Wine Advocate – April 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

A blend of 79% Cabernet Sauvignon and 21% Merlot, the 2022 Grand-Puy-Lacoste is a brilliant classic in the making, wafting from the glass with aromas of dark berries, violets and pencil shavings, followed by a medium to full-bodied, layered and concentrated palate that exhibits beautiful structural refinement and purity of fruit. Classy and integrated, it is somewhat reminiscent of a modern-day and less forbiddingly structured version of this estate’s brilliant 1982.

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**Score: 95-96**

By James Suckling – James Suckling – April 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

A very structured and rich red with black berry and chocolate. Full-bodied with a solid core of fine tannins and a fresh and muscular finish. Dusty texture. Yet it remains bright and vivid. 3.55 pH. 79% cabernet sauvignon, 21% merlot.

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**Score: 96-98**

By Alexandre Ma – May 2023

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**Le Point**

**Score: 18-18,50**

Par Jacques Dupont – Le Point – Vendredi 26 Mai 2023

Cerise, bien fruité, note épicée, bouche fraîche, tendue, élégante, tanins fins, délicat, belle trame solide.

**WEINWISSER**

**Score: 18,5**

By Tjark Witzgall – Weinwisser – May 2023

Enchanting red berry bouquet, fresh morello juice, dried rosemary, light tobacco, verbena and delicate notes of lilac. On the complex, straightforward palate with silky texture, supportive fine-nerved breed, ripe extract as well as tightly meshed tannin structure. Red plums, waxy notes and grainy astringency on the bundled, finely aromatic finish. A reassuring Pauillac worth seeking out!

## THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

**Score: 95-97**

By Jeff Leve – The Wine Cellar Insider – May 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

Flowers, blackberries, spice, cigar box, black currants, cherries, and cedar open the perfume. On the palate, the wine is sweet, fresh, spicy, chewy, and almost creamy in the dark, red, pit fruit finish. The wine is long, with intensity, complexity, and aging ability. The wine is a blend of 79% Cabernet Sauvignon and 21% Merlot, 14.2% ABV, 3.57 pH. Picking took place September 7 - September 23. This is the earliest harvest in the history of the estate. Yields were 38 hectoliters per hectare. Only 60% of the harvest was placed into the Grand Vin. This wine has the potential to score even higher when it is in bottle.



**Score: 97**

Par Jean-Marc Quarin – 30 Mars 2017

Couleur rouge sombre, aux reflets pourpres. Nez intense, fin, fruité, subtil, complexe, délicat et noble. Bouche tout en pulpe suave et fondante, avec de la classe dans le toucher. La puissance se fait jour en milieu de bouche, sans jamais bouleverser le port gracieux de Grand Puy Lacoste. Finale incrachable, longue, profonde, au grain fin.



**Score: 94-96**

Par Olivier Poels – La Revue des Vins de France – N° 671 – Juin 2023

Très harmonieux, ce 2022 est dessiné par des beaux cabernets qui allient le fruité éclatant, croquants et une finale acidulée et juteuse. Un ensemble qui représente un admirable classique de l'appellation.



**Score: 96**

By Georgie Hindle – Decanter – May 2023

Gorgeous vibrant purple colour in the glass, deep and darkly scented, black bramble fruits, flowers, cinnamon, dark chocolate and liquorice. Firm and forward, this is generous but sleek, so you get power and concentration but also juicy liveliness, great tension and energy. I really do like the ease of this, it's not trying too hard but delivered with poise, punch and purity. An excellent wine that really over delivers - so well presented, detailed, finessed and refined but still with the strength coming at the end in the wave of liquorice, dark chocolate and wet stone terroir markers. A brilliant wine with potential to deliver such excellent drinking pleasure. I love it.



**Score: 97**

By Markus del Monego MW – May 2023

Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Very rich and intense nose with fine hints of graphite, backed by succulent fruit, blackcurrants, blackberries, sweet elderberries, fine toasting and elegant oriental spices with a whiff of vanilla in the background. On the palate velvety tannins, well structured, with dark berries and ripe stone fruit, well-balanced with freshness and excellent length, a multi-layered tasting pleasure.



**Score: 96**

Par Xavier Lacombe – Mai 2023

## the drinks business

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The Drink Business by Colin Hay – May 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

Grand-Puy Lacoste 2022 (Pauillac; 79% Cabernet Sauvignon; 21% Merlot; pH 3.60; a final yield of 38 hl/ha; Eric Boissenot is the consultant here; tasted at the property with Emeline Borie). Wonderful in this vintage. Initially this is a little closed and restrained aromatically (and it was tasted first thing on a rather damp and cloudy morning). Fresh mint leaf, crushed red and darker berry and stone fruit show first – most notably the redcurrants and then the cassis. A glorious stalky leafiness gives added dimensionality and complexity to the fruit profile. I am struck by the gorgeous freshness of the mid-palate – which is cool and seems it impart considerable forward momentum, the freshness projecting the wine across the palate, the fine-grained tannins detailing and pixilating the layers as it does so. This brings wonderful clarity. A very crunchy berry fruit. Brambles, blackberry and more blackcurrant on the palate. With aeration in the mouth, lovely classic cedar notes are released, though this not yet expressive on the nose. The tannins are wonderfully supple, delicately the tight frame tight and binding the fruit to a very well defined central spine. Salivating, sapid and, because of that, incredibly precise and 'clean' on the finish with a little whisper of redcurrant and grape-skin as a parting note.



**Score: 96**

By Jane Anson – Jane Anson Bordeaux Insider – April 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

Inky depths to the colour. Violet edging, bitter black chocolate and graphite, can feel the grain of the tannins, and the beautiful balance and juice to damson, cassis and plum puree fruits. Captures just the right amount of drama without sacrificing Pauillac character, this is a wine that is clearly going to age extremely well, with depth of flavour and rich tannic frame that shows how 2022 can succeed in the right hands. 75% new oak, 3.57ph. Harvest earliest ever, beginning on September 7 (2003 was September 15), 60% of production in the 1st wine, Eric Boissenot consultant. 38hl/h yield, a little over the Pauillac average.



**Score: 93-95**

By Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW– The Wine Independent – May 14<sup>th</sup> 2023

The 2022 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, 79% Cabernet Sauvignon and 21% Merlot, is deep garnet-purple in color. Warm cassis, black cherry preserves, and kirsch aromas leap from the glass, followed by touches of chocolate mint, cedar, and pencil lead. The medium to full-bodied palate features fine-grained tannins and bold freshness to support the tight-knit red and black berry layers, finishing long and lifted. This is wonderfully energetic!