



2011 VINTAGE

ABOUT THE 2011 VINTAGE

Grand Vin Blending:

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste
78 % Cabernet Sauvignon - 22 % Merlot

Dates of harvest: 15th to 29th of September 2011
Ageing: In French oak barrels (75 % new barrels)
Yield of this vintage: 40 hl/hectare (10 000 vines/Ha)
Date of blending: End of January 2012

Second wine Blending

Lacoste-Borie
55% Cabernet Sauvignon - 40% Merlot – 5% Cabernet Franc

GENERAL INFORMATION

Estate total surface: 90 hectares around the Château
Vineyard surface: 55 hectares in one block around the Château
Average age of the vines: 38 years
Soil: Very deep coarse gravel
Grape Varieties in the vineyard: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon – 20% Merlot – 5% Cabernet Franc
Density of plantation: 10 000 vines/hectare
Rootstock: Riparia gloire & 101.14
Growing of the vines: Mechanical ploughing of the soil
Viticulture practices: Spraying kept to the absolute effective minimum
Harvest: Exclusively hand picked
Grape Selection: Two successive selections before and after the de-stemming process
Vinification: A long period of maceration (about 3 weeks)

Owner: M. François-Xavier BORIE
Cellar Master: M. Philippe GOUZE
Vineyard Manager: M. Marc DUVOCELLE
Consultant Oenologist: MM. Jacques & Eric BOISSENOT
Public Relation: Miss Emeline BORIE

Our 2011 is distinguished by its unprecedented climatology: a year without a Spring leaping straight from Winter into Summer. A very early start to the growing cycle followed by an exceptionally early flowering in mid-May astonished even the most experienced vigneron, leading us to expect a record early harvest.

The month of June was marked by changeable weather, warmer than usual but always very dry, slowing down the growth of the vines. Despite everything, two of the conditions which make for the finest Bordeaux vintages had already come together: an early and quick flowering and a “stress hydrique” slowing down the ripening.

The “veraison” (when the skins change their color to red) came during July under a climate that was slightly damp and cooler than usual. Then the month of August reverted to being more classic and the superb month of September allowed the grapes, most of all the Cabernet Sauvignon, to arrive at perfect maturity.

The harvest took place in Summer temperatures which kept the bunches in perfect health and added to the concentration of the grapes.

Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2011 owes its structure and style, yet again, to a significant majority of Cabernet Sauvignon (78%) which reflects the richness and potential of our terroir.

Its color is a deep and intense red. The bouquet releases the typical aromas of black fruits and blackcurrant with added spices. The attack on the palate is pronounced, showing a structure that is both elegant and balanced.

All together the wine allies finesse, freshness and persistence. We find this wine very much in the idiom of the fine vintages of Grand-Puy-Lacoste where elegance aligns with tannins which are both ripe and suave.

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CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE HISTORY

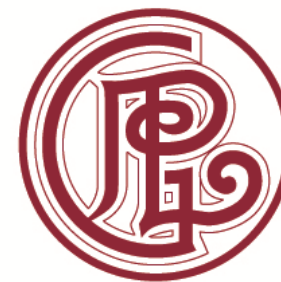
The name Grand-Puy («puy» comes from the Latin word podium, meaning hill) describes this vineyard's privileged location overlooking Pauillac, where the château reigns over a sea of vines.

Included in the famous 1855 classification, Grand-Puy-Lacoste has had an important role to play in the history of Bordeaux wine since the early 16th century. It previously belonged to a family who contributed several members to the Bordeaux parliament. They fell in love with the magnificent gravel terroir and were responsible for establishing the wine's fine reputation. They were followed by several other families: the Lacostes (who gave the estate its definitive name), the Saint-Guirons, and the Saint-Legiers.

In 1930, the château's history was marked by the arrival of Raymond Dupin, an unusual character and bon vivant who remained the owner until 1978. Shortly before his death, he sold Grand-Puy-Lacoste to the Borie family because he appreciated their rigour and devotion to producing fine great growth wine in the Médoc.

François-Xavier Borie, the present owner, is behind this superb estate's renaissance. He has made major investments and constantly improved the quality of Grand-Puy-Lacoste in order to reflect all the finesse of its great Pauillac terroir.

Grand Puy Lacoste, Classified Growth of Pauillac produces wines with intense color and powerful but velvety tannins and is considered to be a typical Classic Pauillac.



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