



2012 VINTAGE

ABOUT THE 2012 VINTAGE

Grand Vin Blending:

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste
76 % Cabernet Sauvignon - 24 % Merlot

Dates of harvest: 3rd to 16th of October 2012
Ageing: In French oak barrels (75 % new barrels)
Yield of this vintage: 36 hl/hectare (10 000 vines/Ha)
Date of blending: End of January 2013

Second wine Blending

Lacoste-Borie
52% Cabernet Sauvignon - 40% Merlot – 8% 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)

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Director R&D: Ms Christel SPINNER
Cellar Master: M. Philippe GOUZE
Vineyard Manager: M. Marc DUVOCELLE
Consultant Oenologist: M. Eric BOISSENOT
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After 3 years of unusual climatic conditions the 2012 vintage returned to “normality” with a wet spring followed by a dry summer.

As always in our region, with its oceanic microclimate, there were some meteorological hiccups along the way: - a particularly clement January, a February with some “arctic” conditions followed by a damp and cool April. Spring unfolded under typical weather conditions, the second half of the growing season (from 15th July to 20th September) was once again very dry and summer temperatures reigned.

The vegetation started in late March suggesting that a similar scenario to spring 2011 would take place, however the damp, cool weather slowed the bud break.

Flowering started quite late – towards the end of May and ripening started in late July.

The grapes matured under ideal conditions which continued throughout the summer. The ripening therefore accelerated into early September – a welcome phenomenon taking into accounts the late start to the season.

The vineyards were in very good health in mid-September, which is always very encouraging, but the changeable late September climate always demands vigilance. Careful observation of each parcel was crucial at this stage.

The harvest began on October 3rd under sunny conditions, by the following Saturday the weather was showing signs of imminent rain and the sunshine was less prevalent. Great care and dedication from the team of pickers ensured that only the best grapes made it to the cellars.

The blend of Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2012 is a majority Cabernet Sauvignon (74%) which offers a nice balanced structure and illustrates the potential of the vineyard.

This wine has an enticing, dark and very intense, ruby colour. The bouquet reveals aromas of ripe black fruit and cassis complemented by spicy notes with great freshness.

The palate is precise and dense, evolving into charming and well rounded tannins with good length and structure.

The overall impression is one of purity and elegance.

This 2012 is once again a beautiful expression of the potential held by the terroir of Grand-Puy-Lacoste, this wine will be part of the great lineage of Grand-Puy-Lacoste vintages.

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CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE HISTORY

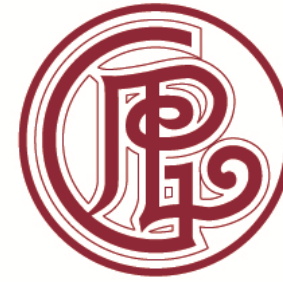
The name Grand-Puy («puy» comes from the Latin word podium, meaning hill) describes this vineyard's privileged location overlooking Pauillac, where the château reigns over a sea of vines.

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 Lacoste (who gave the estate its definitive name), the Saint-Guirons, and the Saint-Legier.

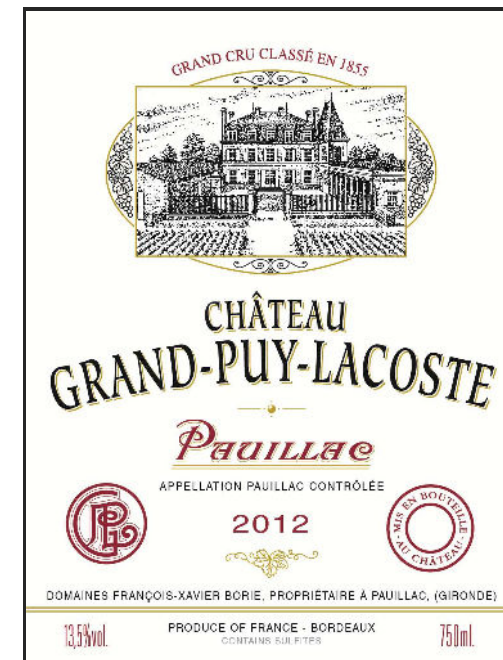
In 1930, the château's history was marked by the arrival of Raymond Dupin, an unusual character and bon vivant who remained the owner until 1978. Shortly before his death, he sold Grand-Puy-Lacoste to the Borie family because he appreciated their rigour and devotion to producing fine great growth wine 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 colour and powerful but velvety tannins and is considered to be a typical Classic Pauillac.



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