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Grand Vin Blending:

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste

80% Cabernet Sauvignon - 20% Merlot

Dates of harvest:	30 th of September to 11 th of October 2013
Ageing:	In French oak barrels with 75 % of new barrels
Yield of this vintage:	31 hl/hectare (10 000 vines/Ha)
Date of blending:	January 2014

Second wine Blending

Lacoste-Borie

**60% Cabernet Sauvignon - 30% Merlot –
10% 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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Each vintage allows us to write a new chapter in the history of our vineyard. The context is given by the climatic conditions, which govern the reactions of the vines and the grapes. Then there is the meticulous work and daily surveillance of the vineyard and the multiplicity of decisions taken to obtain grapes of the highest quality. Each vintage brings a new challenge: thus it was with 2013.

The 2013 viticultural year was marked by a rather cool and wet climate. If the month of December 2012 was particularly mild, it was followed by February and March which were very cold with average temperatures 2 ° C below the norm for that period. The months of April, May and June were not much warmer. For example, during the week of May 20 to 26, 2013, temperatures were between 7 ° C and 9 ° C in the morning and 14 ° C to 15 ° C in the afternoon! This lack of heat caused a delay in the development of the vine. The first buds appeared only from April 12-15th.

Flowering took place around 15 to 20 June 2013 in very changeable weather: with alternating high temperatures, especially on June 16th, and rainfall on June 18th. Fortunately, the beautiful weather and the heat during July allowed the vine to catch up a little on its development. Mi- veraison, the stage at which half the grapes in the bunches are ripe was observed around August 23rd, from then on the sunshine and pleasant temperatures allowed for a fairly uniform ripening.

Subsequently, the unstable climate of September meant that we had to carefully monitor each individual parcel and our observations led us to start the harvest on Monday, September 30th. During the first week of picking, mild weather and humidity made us fear the worst for the state of grapes and forced us to accelerate the harvest of Merlot in order to retain the maximum freshness. Luckily the following week, temperatures were cooler which meant we could bring in healthy mature grapes. The great care taken by our teams of pickers when sorting allowed us to pick quality grapes.

Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2013 is composed of a majority of cabernet sauvignon (80%) which gives it a fine, smooth framework, again showing the expression and potential of the terroir even in tricky climatic conditions.

This wine has a lovely deep garnet colour. A fine bouquet reveals aromas of black fruit complemented by a touch of cassis, all subtly lifted by a hint of vanilla spice.

On the palate, the initial impression is precise and linear; the palate shows ripe, well balanced and well integrated tannins. Overall a wine with charm, elegance and freshness and a very nice clean finish.

2013 was an unpredictable vintage but the regularity and potential of the Grand-Puy-Lacoste terroir has produced a wine of very good quality. A wine which well deserves its place in the history of the chateau.

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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