



2015 VINTAGE

Grand Vin Blending:

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste

**74% Cabernet Sauvignon - 23% Merlot –
3% Cabernet Franc**

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| Dates of harvest: | September, 18 th to October, 4 th 2015 |
| Ageing: | In French oak barrels with 75 % of new barrels |
| Yield of this vintage: | 45 hl/hectare (10 000 vines/Ha) |
| Date of blending: | January 2016 |

Second wine Blending

Lacoste-Borie

**60% Cabernet Sauvignon - 30% Merlot –
10% Cabernet Franc**

GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Estate total surface | 90 hectares around the Château |
| Vineyard surface: | 58 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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| Owner: | M. François-Xavier BORIE |
| Director R&D | Ms Christel SPINNER |
| Cellar Master: | M. Philippe GOUZE |
| Vineyard Manager: | M. Antonio FLORES |
| Consultant Oenologist: | M. Eric BOISSENOT |
| Public Relation: | Miss Emeline BORIE |



ABOUT THE 2015 VINTAGE



The qualitative reputation of vintages ending in « 5 » seems to have been upheld by the 2015's! The weather conditions throughout the whole of the growing cycle of the vine were particularly favourable, contributing to making this a great wine vintage.

The winter of 2014/2015 was generally mild but extremely wet. This enabled the soil to replenish its reserves of water which would prove to be extremely beneficial over the coming months.

The mild temperatures encouraged bud burst to take place around the 6th to the 8th April. Budburst was regular and happened over a short period of time, which encouraged great expectations for the forthcoming vintage.

The month of April saw the thermometer rise to 25 ° C and even higher mid-month, but the nights remained cool, which contributed greatly to the steady and harmonious development of the vegetation.

We saw the first blossom on the Merlot and some of the early Cabernet Sauvignon vines around the 27th of May. Flowering took place over the period of a week under optimal conditions, with warm weather but no sign of a heat-wave. The quick and even flowering underlined and confirmed the good vegetative start to this vintage. The months of June and July 2015 were particularly warm and sunny, the temperatures recorded during that time were all above the seasonal average, with temperatures of between 28 ° - 30 ° C every day and the thermometer often exceeding 30 ° C!

Two successive months without rain resulted in hydric conditions which stopped the vines growing and encouraged the plants efforts to be concentrated on the ripening of the fruit. The first colour changes in the grapes were observed between the 21st and 22nd July. The light rain that fell at the end of July further encouraged the ripening process and was like a breath of fresh air to the vines.

The cooler weather in August and September allowed the grapes to ripen slowly, whilst conserving their aromatic potential, encouraging the concentration of sugars and resulting in a perfect maturity of the individual grapes. The tannins continued to ripen, refine and mature right up until harvest time.

The first cuts were made with the secateurs on the 18th of September on one of our parcels of merlot, however harvesting started in earnest on the 21st of September under perfect conditions: warmth and sunshine. These weather conditions lasted right through to the end of the harvest and meant that the grapes were in perfect condition when harvested.

Grand Puy Lacoste 2015 will go down in history as one of the great vintages, a vintage which demonstrates the great class and wonderful quality of the vineyard.

Made with a majority of Cabernet Sauvignon (74%) the wine has a lovely structure and balance, which amply demonstrate the complexities and opulence of this truly wonderful vintage.

The wine is an intense, deep red. The nose is opulent with notes of black fruit and ripe blackcurrants. These notes are complemented by notes of spice and violets, all with a lovely freshness, underlined by the presence of cabernet franc (3%) in the final blend.

On the palate the wine is dense and precise, the aromas and textures build on the mid-palate and are carried by rich, powerful, well rounded tannins. The 2015, precise and complex, with freshness and excellent length is a very classy wine indeed. It compares well with the best vintages of Grand Puy Lacoste and its complexity is a wonderful expression of terroir.

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.

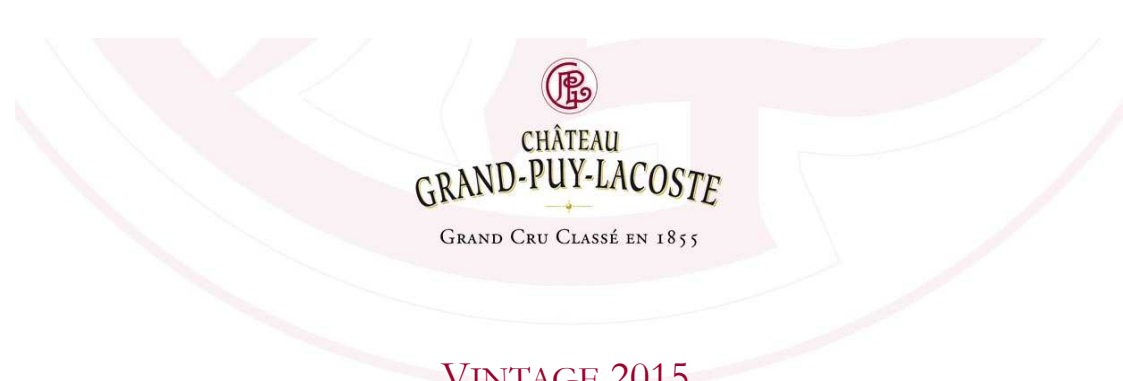
In 1930, the château's history was marked by the arrival of Raymond Dupin, an unusual character and bon vivant who remained the owner until 1978. Shortly before his death, he sold Grand-Puy-Lacoste to the Borie family because he appreciated their rigour and devotion to producing fine great growth wine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