

Château GRAND-PUY DUCASSE

Vintage 2013

5ème Grand Cru Classé de Pauillac en 1855



History

Three large plots in the best parts of Pauillac form the vineyard of this classified growth. This unusual configuration is a direct inheritance from the estate's founder, Pierre Ducasse, an eminent lawyer. In the 18th century he gave a single name to a fine vineyard holding, which was put together through inheritance and purchases.

When he died in 1797, his son, Pierre, inherited a 60-hectare exploitation, named Ducasse-Grand-Puy-Artigues-Arnaud, of which two third were planted with vines. The estate was classified in 1855, under the name of Artigues Arnaud.



Appellation

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Terroirs

Garonne gravels and silica, typical of Pauillac, for the Cabernet Sauvignon, and sandy gravels for the Merlot.

The vineyard consists of three large plots in the commune of Pauillac. The vines border those of Mouton, Lafite and Pontet-Canet to the North. In their central part, they cover part of the Bourdieu of Grand Puy, and, at their southern extremity, the Saint-Lambert plateau.

Surface of the vineyard

40 ha

Planting density

10 000 Vines / ha

Average Age of the vines

34 years

Mode de culture

Parcel management of soil and vineyard. Certified sustainable farming.



Climatic Conditions

2013 will be remembered as a winegrower's vintage. The complicated climate required increased monitoring of the vineyard.

All our efforts have therefore focused on the quality of the berries and rigorous sorting in the vines and then at the chai, allowed for winemaking in calm conditions.

Ripening phases

Mid-flowering : Merlot : on June 25th 2013 - Cabernet Sauvignon : on June 22th 2013
Mid-ripening : Merlot : on August 25th 2013 – Cabernet Sauvignon: on August 20th 2013

Harvest

From October 6th to October 16th 2013

Yields

33 hl/ ha

Winemaking

After manual harvesting in crates and an initial sorting in the vineyard, the grapes were sorted again using the latest generation optical sorting system. Vinification was carried out in stainless steel temperature controlled tanks.

For some of the batches, malolactic fermentation was carried out in new barrels. All of the first wine is matured in French oak barrels, 30% of which were renewed this vintage.

Production

79 000 bottles

The blend

62% Cabernet Sauvignon
38% Merlot

Tasting notes

Château Grand-Puy Ducasse 2013 is a deeply and intensely coloured wine. It displays fruity, spicy and wooden notes. The palate is complex with well integrated tannins. The finish is long and aromatic and comes with a mellow woodiness notes.

Awards & press

Decanter : 90
James Suckling : 89 - 90
Wine Spectator : 87 -90

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