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DEPUIS
— 1675 —

CHATEAU
GRAND-PUY DUCASSE

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855, PAUILLAC

PRECISE, REASSURING, INSPIRING.

THE VINTAGE

2024 : A unique terroir finally revealed thanks to the new technical tool.

The 2024 vintage at Château Grand-Puy Ducasse required precision and adaptability, with a mild and rainy winter followed by a cool and wet spring, which slowed down the vines and increased fungal pressure. Fortunately, the drier summer allowed for a beautiful development of tannins and seeds, hinting at great potential.

Although September brought dilutive rains and heightened botrytis pressure, the vigilance of the team ensured that the essentials were preserved. The harvest, which began on 23rd September for the Merlot, 1st October for the Petit Verdot, and 2nd October for the Cabernet, revealed a well-developed phenolic maturity, with wines marked by vibrant freshness and elegant tannins.

The 2024 vintage showcases the strength of the terroir and the combined expertise of our winemaking team, alongside our adaptability in the cellar.

HISTORY

Château Grand-Puy Ducasse's story began when Arnaud Ducasse bought a "modest" house on the banks of the river in Pauillac in 1675. Little did he know that it would become a large estate that would remain in his family for almost three centuries. Pierre Ducasse, a lawyer with a passion for wine, considerably extended the land over three parishes – Pauillac, Saint-Lambert and Saint-Sauveur – and three seigneuries: Lafite, Latour and Beychevelle. In 1820, his son built the Château's winery facing the Gironde estuary. At the time, this was a daring decision: Grand-Puy Ducasse would be the only Château in the area to vinify its grapes for 200 years. In 1855, the property was included in the prestigious classification of great growths; with 40 hectares of vines spread over 14 different types of soil, its vineyard can be considered as the most representative of the diversity of Pauillac's terroirs. Since 2004, CA Grands Crus, a subsidiary of the Crédit Agricole Group, has embarked on an ambitious optimization plan. The subsequent construction of a new vat room and barrel storage facilities completes the "Renaissance" plan. The guiding principle of Château Grand-Puy Ducasse and its teams lead by Anne Le Naour and Benjamin Cassoulet is to push rigorous standards even further.

HARVEST

MERLOT

09/23 → 10/01

PETIT VERDOT

10/01 → 10/02

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

10/02 → 10/08

100% manual in crates 18
months ageing
French oak barrels

BLEND

56% Cab. Sauvignon

39% Merlot

05% Petit Verdot

YIELD 43hl/ha
ALCOHOL 13% vol
pH 3.70

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