

### HARVEST

 $\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{MERLOT} \\ 12/09 \rightarrow 21/09 \end{array}$ 

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 21/09 → 28/09

PETIT VERDOT 21/09

100% manual in crates 18 months of maturation French oak barrels

#### BLEND

58% Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Merlot 2% Petit Verdot

YIELD 36 hl/ha

ALCOHOL 14,50% vol

**pH** 3.72



# GRAND-PUY DUCASSE

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855, PAUILLAC

## REPRESENTATIVE, SEDUCTIVE, EXHILARATING, REFINED, FABULOUS.

### THE VINTAGE

2022: what a year and what a promising vintage!

A dry, cold autumn, and then a mild, wet winter, ensured that this would be an early vintage from the start. The spring and summer that followed will be remembered for their exceptionally hot, dry character, but paradoxically, thanks to the early onset of the heat, the vines coped very well. Our vineyard was spared by the hail on 20 June and fortunately benefited from the few scattered rain showers that accompanied it.

After the stress of 2021, 2022 proved to be much more clement in terms of the threat of disease from flowering through to véraison. The harvests took place in a jovial, relaxed atmosphere thanks to ideal weather conditions.

Although the lack of rain significantly reduced yields, it did not impair the exceptional quality of this vintage, which can now be tasted: with a deep colour, it reveals fine, ripe tannins, a dense, elegant palate, and an intense, fresh aromatic profile.

All the qualities of a great vintage!

### 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 11 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 completed 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.

