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PRÉLUDE



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GRAND-PUY DUCASSE

2<sup>nd</sup> WINE OF CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY DUCASSE, GRAND CRU CLASSÉ  
PAUILLAC

93

James Suckling

SOLAR  
POWERFUL  
CREAMY

90

Vinous

## HARVEST

**MERLOT**

23/09 -> 02/10

**CAB. SAUVIGNON**

02/10 -> 10/10

100% manual in crates  
14 months maturation  
in French oak barrels

## BLEND

49% merlot

51% cabernet sauvignon

**YIELD** 57 Hl/Ha

**ALCOHOL** 14 % vol

**PRODUCTION** 92 500 EqB

## THE VINTAGE

2019 is a very fine vintage, a solar one! A dry and milder than average winter gave way to a rainy spring with cool nights. Bud burst and flowering therefore came relatively early. The vineyard remained in a very good state of health. As in 2016 and 2018, the summer was characterized by high temperatures, with a few scattered showers (two redeeming spells of rain in July and August). It is a vintage of the climate, as much as of the terroir. The grapes are excellent and with a richness that we would like to find every year...

## THE 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" project. 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.

