



GRAND-PUY DUCASSE

2nd WINE OF CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY DUCASSE, GRAND CRU CLASSÉ
PAUILLAC

92

Wine Enthusiast

91

James Suckling

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Decanter

HARVEST

MERLOT

19/09 -> 28/09

CAB. SAUVIGNON

02/10 -> 10/10

100% manual in crates

Aging 14 months in French oak barrels, 15% in new wood casks and 85% in casks having already been used for 1, 2 or 3 vintages.

BLEND

70% merlot

30% cabernet sauvignon

YIELD 50 HI/Ha

ALCOHOL 14,5 % vol

THE VINTAGE

Although the start of the year brought a great deal of rain and created a surplus of water throughout the Bordeaux wine region, summer 2018 will be remembered for its incredible heat! The radiant and spontaneous smiles on the faces of our staff were the most obvious sign of the confidence and enthusiasm for this vintage. The first clip of the secateurs set the tone! The grape harvests were accompanied by lovely sunshine to the delight of the grape pickers and our permanent staff. Although the Merlots had already brought a smile to our faces, the Cabernets proved to be even more magnificent, confirming the exceptional potential of the vintage. 2018 will be big, extraordinary even...

THE HISTORY

The second wine, Prélude à Grand-Puy Ducasse, was created in 1955, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the estate's classification. 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. Since then, Grand-Puy Ducasse has been the only Château in the area to vinify its grapes in the very heart of Pauillac's town. In 1855, the property was included in the prestigious ranking of classified 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 is to complete the "Renaissance" large scale project. The guiding principle of Château Grand-Puy Ducasse and its teams led by Anne Le Naour and Benjamin Cassoulet is to keep pushing rigorous standards even further.

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