



## GRAND-PUY DUCASSE

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

91-92

James Suckling

91

Vinous

88-90

Yves Beck

### HARVEST

MERLOT

15/09 -> 22/09

CAB. SAUVIGNON

23/09 -> 01/10

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

**62%** merlot

**38%** cabernet sauvignon

**ALCOHOL 13,5% vol**

### THE VINTAGE

Winter, marked by heavy rains and lingering sweetness until spring, make 2020 a very early vintage. Our teams have worked meticulously and intensely to maintain good health in the vineyard despite the pressure throughout the vine cycle. This redoubled attention and these special conditions were ultimately a decisive advantage for the masterful quality of this vintage. If it is a bit early to use superlatives, 2020 should be one of the great Bordeaux vintages: sunny, rich, spicy, smooth, but also tense and fresh, a signature of the greatest.

### 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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