



CHATEAU  
GRAND-PUY DUCASSE  
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855, PAUILLAC

PRECISE, DEMANDING,  
TECHNICAL, AMBITIOUS,  
REPRESENTATIVE, CONSISTENT,  
PRAGMATIC, UNIFYING,  
RESERVED, GRACEFUL.

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## THE VINTAGE

### HARVEST

#### MERLOT

24/09 → 05/10

#### CABERNET SAUVIGNON

30/09 → 08/10

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

2021 was more than a “Winegrower’s vintage”. It was also a vintage that required selective sorting, due to the many challenges it faced.

The weather conditions seriously tested our morale throughout the growth cycle: a very early bud break due to the mild, very wet winter and a summery start to spring were followed by a particularly cool, rainy summer with relatively little sunshine.

While the Merlot was harvested early despite medium anthocyanin, tannin and sugar potentials, the Cabernet Sauvignon once again took the opportunity to give us a very pleasant surprise. Meticulous sorting of the harvest, management of temperatures and maceration times on a batch-by-batch basis, and the rigorous selection of these batches were essential this year, enabling us to produce a precise Grand-Puy Ducasse with delicate notes of cedar.

## HISTORY

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### BLEND

68% Cabernet Sauvignon  
32% Merlot

#### YIELD

31 hl/ha

#### ALCOHOL

12.84% vol

#### PH

3.66

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 the 1990s, major investments have been made in restructuring the vineyard. In 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.

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