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CHATEAU
GRAND-PUY DUCASSE



GRAND CRU CLASSE, PAUILLAC

94-95

James Suckling

93-95

Wine Enthusiast

92-94

Vinous

HARVEST

MERLOT

15/09 -> 22/09

CAB. SAUVIGNON

23/09 -> 01/10

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

BLEND

55 % Cab. Sauvignon

45 % Merlot

YIELD 39 HI/Ha
ALCOHOL 14,5 % 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

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 led by Anne Le Naour and Benjamin Cassoulet is to push rigorous standards even further.

