

Château Grand-Puy Ducasse

Grand Cru Classé de Pauillac en 1855

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History

Three large plots in the best parts of Pauillac form the vineyard of this classified growth. This unusual configuration is a direct inheritance from the estate's founder, Pierre Ducasse, an eminent lawyer. In the 18th century he gave a single name to a fine vineyard holding, which was put together through inheritance and purchases. When he died in 1797, his son, Pierre, inherited a 60-hectare exploitation, named Ducasse-Grand-Puy-Artigues-Arnaud, of which two third were planted with vines. The estate was classified in 1855, under the name of Artigues Arnaud.

Thanks to impeccable harvesting and tailor-made winemaking, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot produce a wine renowned for its aromatic complexity, glorious structure and ageing capacity, all true to the classic Pauillac style.

Appellation

Pauillac, Grand Cru Classé en 1855

Topography

The vineyard consists of three large plots in the commune of Pauillac. The vines border those of Mouton, Lafite and Pontet-Canet to the North. In their central part, they cover part of the Bourdieu of Grand Puy, and, at their southern extremity, the Saint-Lambert plateau.

Surface of the vineyard

59 hectares, including 40 under vine

Soil

Garonne gravels and silica, typical of Pauillac, for the Cabernet Sauvignon, and sandy gravels for the Merlot.

Grape varieties

60 % Cabernet Sauvignon
40 % Merlot

Average age of the vines

30 years

Farming method

Parcel management of soil and vineyard.
Certified sustainable farming.

Average yields

40 hl/ha

Winemaking

After hand-picking and selection of the grapes on the vine, these arrive in the winery, where they are de-stalked and carefully sorted once more. Fermentation is carried out in temperature controlled stainless-steel tanks.

Some of the wines undergo malolactic fermentation in new barrels. The wine is aged from 18 to 24 months, depending on the vintage, in French oak barrels, 30% to 40% of which are new

Production

100 000 to 120 000 bottles

Team

Managing Director
Thierry Budin

Technical Director
Anne Le Naour

Cellar Master
Cécile Bernier

Vineyard Manager
Benjamin Cassoulet

Consultant Oenologist
Denis Dubourdieu

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Winery and vineyard visits

Professionals only, by appointment.
Sales through the Bordeaux négoce.


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