



1st vintage
100% gravity-fed
new technical equipment



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

HISTORICAL,
INNOVATIVE, GENEROUS.

HARVEST

MERLOT
12/09 → 21/09

CABERNET SAUVIGNON
25/09 → 02/10

PETIT VERDOT
21/09 → 22/09

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

BLEND

52% Cab. Sauvignon

44% Merlot

4% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL 13,50% vol
pH 3.60

THE VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage at Château Grand-Puy Ducasse is synonymous with **renewal and precision**. Climatic conditions turned out to be quite balanced, between a mild, rainy winter and a dry, hot summer!

The rains at the beginning of September enabled the Merlot to reach maturity, and we waited serenely for the Cabernet Sauvignon to do so. Although the harvest started relatively early compared with previous vintages, it was spread out slowly until October. **2023 is historic for the estate**, as it is the first vintage to be vinified in the chateau's **new gravity-fed vat room**. A new, completely redesigned facility for precise plot-by-plot selection with even greater respect for the raw material, i.e. the grapes.

Let's bet that this vintage will remain in the estate's memory as the first of a new era for the property, finally equipped with a tool to reveal its unique terroir...

HISTORY

It all began when, in 1675, Arnaud Ducasse purchased a "modest" riverside house in Pauillac, little did he know that it would become a grand estate that would remain in the family for almost three centuries. Pierre Ducasse, a lawyer with a passion for wine, extended the land considerably over three parishes – Pauillac, Saint-Lambert and Saint-Sauveur – as well as three seigneuries: Lafite, Latour and Beychevelle. In 1820, his son had the Château's technical facilities built facing the Gironde Estuary. A bold decision at the time, Grand-Puy Ducasse has been the only Château to vinify its wines in the heart of the town of Pauillac for 200 years. In 1855, the estate joined the prestigious Grands Crus Classés de 1855 classification, and with its 40 hectares spread over 11 soil types, it can be considered the most representative vineyard of Pauillac's terroir diversity. Following the purchase of the estate by CA Grands Crus, a subsidiary of the Crédit Agricole Group, an ambitious optimization plan was launched in the vineyard in 2005. It will be consolidated by the current construction of a new vat room and two new ageing cellars, part of a large-scale plan codenamed "Projet Renaissance". The credo of Château Grand-Puy Ducasse and its team, led by Anne Le Naour as general manager and Benjamin Cassoulet as technical director, is to push the bar ever higher.

