

Dauphin de GRAND-PUY DUCASSE

Second vin du Château Grand-Puy Ducasse, Pauillac

 *Vintage 2015* 



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.

Terroirs

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

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.

Appellation

Pauillac

Surface of the vineyard

38 hectares

Planting density

10 000 feet / ha

Average age of the vines

34 ans

Culture management

Parcel management of soil and vineyard. Certified sustainable farming. Involvement in the EMS (Environmental Management System)

Blend

80 % Merlot

20 % Cabernet Sauvignon



Climatic conditions

In 2015, the climate context was fully different from 2014. Everything was fine until September for all of our Bordeaux properties besides a serious drought that worried us in early August. Thankfully, relieving rains came at the rescue of some hydro-strained grape vines.

Ripening phases

Débourrement : autour du 16 avril 2015

Floraison : autour du 28 mai 2015

Véraison : autour du 3 août 2015

Harvest dates

Merlot: from September 17th to 30th

Cabernet Sauvignon: from September 30th to October 9th

Yields

50 hl/ha

Winemaking

Après les vendanges manuelles en cagette et un premier tri à la vigne, les raisins sont à nouveau triés à l'aide d'un dispositif de tri optique de dernière génération. La vinification est réalisée en cuve inox thermo-régulée. Une partie des lots opère sa fermentation malolactique en barriques neuves. L'ensemble du second vin est élevé en barriques de chêne français, renouvelées à hauteur de 15% de bois neuf pour ce millésime.

Production

65 000 bouteilles

Tasting Note

Prélude à Grand-Puy Ducasse 2015 présente une belle robe rouge grenat. Au nez, des notes de petites baies noires se révèlent ainsi que des arômes de cassis et de mûres. La bouche est harmonieuse et des tanins doux révèlent une finale fruitée.

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