

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste



PAUILLAC, BORDEAUX, Grand Cru Classé

Millésime 2015

Domein: Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste

Sinds 1978 is dit kasteel eigendom van de familie Borie. François-Xavier Borie heeft het nieuw leven ingeblazen zonder de oorspronkelijk ziel te verliezen. Grand-Puy-Lacoste is niet in handen van een grote groep, het is een echte familieonderneming. Jean-Eugène Borie – gepassioneerd liefhebber van wijnbouw en de Médoc – verwierf het in 1978 maar heeft onmiddellijk carte blanche gegeven aan zijn oudste zoon, François-Xavier. Hij heeft gezorgd voor de renovatie van zowel het kasteel als de installaties. Vandaag de dag, werkt hij samen met zijn oudste dochter Emeline. Zij staat in voor de communicatie en de public relations. Met Emeline is reeds de derde generatie actief in dit kasteel.

Oppervlakte: 90 ha

Druivensoorten: 74% Cabernet Sauvignon
23% Merlot
3% Cabernet Franc

Bodem: Kiezel-, grindbodem

**Dichtheid van de
beplanting:** 10 000/ha

**Gemiddelde leeftijd
van de beplanting:** 38 jaar

Vinificatie:

Manuele oogst vond plaats tussen 18 september en 4 oktober 2015. Cuvaison gedurende 3 weken.

Rijping:

Gedurende 16 à 18 maanden, in houten Franse vaten, waarvan 75% nieuw.

Alcoholgehalte: 13,5%

Beschikbare volumes: 0,75L

Verpakking: CB12

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La famille Borie est propriétaire du château depuis 1978. François-Xavier Borie lui a redonné vie en préservant son âme. Grand-Puy-Lacoste n'est pas entre les mains d'un grand groupe, c'est une propriété purement familiale. Jean-Eugène Borie, amoureux de la vigne et du Médoc, en a fait acquisition en 1978 et a immédiatement donné carte blanche à son fils aîné François-Xavier, qui a réalisé progressivement la rénovation du château et des installations techniques. Aujourd'hui, Emeline, sa fille aînée, travaille à ses côtés. Elle est chargée de la communication et des relations publiques de Grand-Puy-Lacoste. Ainsi, Grand-Puy-Lacoste a déjà vu trois générations de Borie se pencher sur sa destinée.

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Sol: Grosses graves profondes

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Âge Moyen des vignes: 38 ans

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Elevage:

Pendant 16 à 18 mois en barriques de chêne français, dont 75% de bois neuf.

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Conditionnement: CB12

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2/03/2018 **Wine Advocate (Neal Martin) : 95 / 100**



The 2015 Grand-Puy-Lacoste was an impressive Pauillac from barrel and likewise, it continues to impress in bottle. It has an intense bouquet with blackberry and strawberry fruit laced with cedar and graphite and as I mentioned in my original note, the Merlot component is a little more expressive compared to other vintages. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin and well-judged acidity. This feels so harmonious and caressing, very tensile and poised, fanning out wonderfully with a graphite-infused finish that is perhaps more approachable than recent vintages, just a wonderful wine for long-term aging. Anticipated maturity: 2022 - 2050.

27/02/2018 **Vinous (Antonio Galloni) : 95 / 100**



The 2015 Grand Puy Lacoste is just as compelling from bottle as it was from barrel. Sensual, polished and refined, the 2015 is all class. Silky tannins, perfumed aromatics and beautifully delineated fruit are some of the signatures. The natural richness of the year comes through nicely, but without overpowering the wine's mid-weight sense of structure. This is a fabulous example of the year.

22/02/2018 **Wine Advocate (Lisa Perrotti-Brown) : 91 / 100**



The 2015 Grand-Puy-Lacoste is medium garnet-purple colored with a nose of red and black currants, cedar chest and roses with a touch of dusty earth. The medium-bodied mouth is chewy, with lively fruit and good balance.

15/02/2018 **Wine Spectator (James Molesworth) : 92 / 100**



This is on the charming side of the spectrum, with a rounded hint to the mix of violet-infused plum and cherry fruit, accented by notes of singed cedar and sandalwood. Light black tea and warm cast iron accents pervade the finish, returning this to a more typical Pauillac profile. Best from 2020 through 2032. 10,000 cases made. -JM

12/02/2018 **Jamessuckling.com (James Suckling) : 96 / 100**



Swathed in spicy and toasty oak aromas, this has a wealth of superbly expressed red and dark berries, flowers and mint. The palate delivers a very assertive and energetic array of dark berries and spiced plums with a fresh, focused, vibrant finish. Superb wine. Try from 2023.

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26/01/2018 **Decanter.com (Jane Anson) : 93 / 100**



Cedar-brushed toasted oak on the nose is backed up by spicy, bitter chocolate which leads a tight but mouthwatering attack. Lovely complexity builds slowly but surely through the palate, revealing a seam of cassis and caraway seed, full of spice, flesh and promise. It has the feeling, as with much of Pauillac in 2015, of being fully ripe, but not a breath more. 75% new oak.

8/11/2017 **Jancis Robinson (Julia Harding MW) : 17 / 20**

So suave and well mannered! Nicely balanced with lots of ripe fruit in a suitably bordelais corset but not a standout. Well mannered rather than amazing. A big charge of tannin here. Dry finish. 17+

31/05/2016 **Vinifera : 4 / 5**

Remarquable pureté d'expression au nez. Sur les fruits macérés, les épices, le cèdre. Corps très droit avec une trame profonde, épicée. Tanin très fin, velouté et finale de caractère.

29/04/2016 **Wine Advocate (Neal Martin) : 94-96 / 100**



The 2015 Grand-Puy-Lacoste, 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc, matured in 75% new oak and was picked between September 18 until October 4 (although the "real" picking commenced from September 21). Now, Grand-Puy-Lacoste is often quite "aloof" at this early juncture, but that is not the case with the 2015. This is more approachable aromatically, beautifully defined, thanks to that expressive Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The palate is medium-bodied with svelte tannin and finely tuned acidity (pH 3.68). Beguilingly harmonious in the mouth, it boasts a silky smooth texture with wonderful salinity on the aftertaste that is sustained in the mouth. As usual, Xavier Borie has produced a "classic" Pauillac, but one that is a little more appeasing to those that don't want to cellar for 20-30 years. You could describe the 2015 as being between 2009 and 2010...and that, folks, is not a bad place to be.

28/04/2016 **Bettane & Desseauve : 17-17,5 / 20**



Nez ouvert et harmonieux de cèdre, corps très équilibré, saveur de cèdre et de prune fort racées, un peu moins d'énergie à la naissance que dans notre souvenir des 2010 à ce stade. Achat sûr si les prix ne grimpent pas trop.

27/04/2016 **Vinous (Antonio Galloni) : 92-95 / 100**



A rich, super-finessed wine, the 2015 Grand-Puy-Lacoste brings together the ripeness of the vintage and classic elegance of Pauillac in stunning style. Today, the 2015 is gloriously ripe and intense, with fabulous follow-through and remarkable balance. Dark red cherry, pomegranate, exotic, spice and blood orange hit the flamboyant finish. This is one of the wines of the vintage. Don't miss it. Tasted four times.

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27/04/2016 **Decanter.com (Steven Spurrier) : 94 / 100**



Very good fragrance and florality – the typical slatey, stony Grand-Puy-Lacoste style shows even more precision and grip than usual, with wonderful middle fruit richness. Will make a really classic claret. 2022-2040

20/04/2016 **timatkin.com (Tim Atkin MW) : 95 / 100**



19/04/2016 **Jancis Robinson (Jancis Robinson) : 17 /**



74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc. Mid crimson. Relatively voluptuous for a 2015 Pauillac on the nose then racy and sucky-stony on the palate. Very Pauillac. Great energy. Drink 2024-2040

18/04/2016 **The Wine Cellar Insider : 94 / 100**



In the nose this wine summons iron, cassis, tobacco and cedar. On the palate it is full-bodied and concentrated, offering layers of luscious, ripe, cassis, blackberry, pepper and ripe tannin. Give it time and it will come together. With 74% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot and 3% Cabernet Franc in the blend, this is the first vintage since 2009 in which the estate added Cabernet Franc to the mix. This wine reached 13.5% alcohol with a pH of 3.68, representing 62% of the harvest. Just in case you have not been following, Grand Puy Lacoste has really been on a roll, producing a string of great wines and releasing them for prices that are more than fair to wine loving consumers. Here's a little insiders tip for you... I know more than one director and owner that always adds Grand Puy Lacoste to their cellars. 93 – 95 Pts

10/04/2016 **René Gabriel : 18 / 20**



74 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 23 % Merlot, 3 % Cabernet Franc. Tiefes Purpur, Granatschimmer am Rand. Delikates Bouquet, Damassinepflaumen, Cassis und feine Kräutermintnoten, sehr vielschichtig. Im Gaumen ist der Wein fast zärtlich mit seinem homogenen, reifen Fluss, strahlt eine wunderschöne Cabernetsüsse aus und endet verführerisch und so delikate wie er begonnen hat. Ein seidiger, zärtlicher Pauillac, der aber nicht zu unterschätzen ist. Hier kann man gar einen Punkt mehr erwarten in seiner Reife. 18/20 2025 – 2055

5/04/2016 **Jamessuckling.com (James Suckling) : 94-95 / 100**



This is very fine and elegant GPL with black currant and hints of walnuts, chocolate. Full body, sweet and pretty tannins. Persistent. So polished.

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SCORES - 2015

3/04/2016 Wine Spectator (James Molesworth) : 91-94 / 100



Pure, sleek and minerally today, with chalk and iron driving the core of red currant and damson plum fruit. The fruit is steadily emerging, and the length is there. Textbook Pauillac.—J.M.