

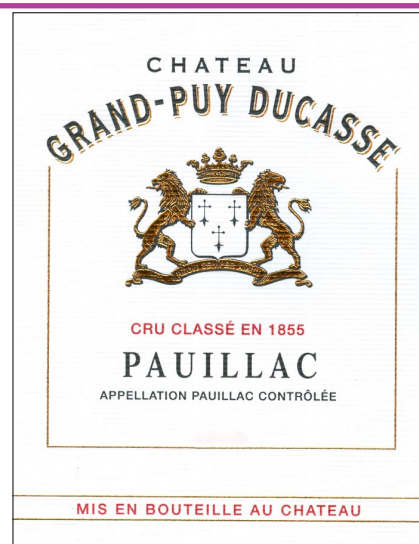
# CHATEAU GRAND PUY DUCASSE 2018

## Appellation Pauillac

### ~ Background ~

Acquired in the middle of the 17th century by Arnadu Ducasse, little did he know that the estate would remain in his family for 3 centuries. In 1820, the existing château was built and under Adrien Chauvet, the estate was classified in 1855. The company Grand Puy Ducasse was founded in 1932.

In 1971 a group of shareholders took on what was then a dormant estate, restructured and enlarged it. Today CA Grands Cru owns the estate, and under the team of Thierry Budin, Managing Director, David Launay, Commercial Director, and Anne Le Naour, Winemaker, Chateau Grand Puy Ducasse is making a comeback. Hubert de Bouard, owner of Chateau Angelus, is the consultant oenologist.



### ~ Viticulture ~

- Manual harvesting
- 40 hectares split into 3 large parcels
- Average yield 40 hl/ha
- **70% Cabernet Sauvignon and 30% Merlot.**
- Average age of vines is 30 years.
- Soil is Garonne gravels and silica, typical of Pauillac
- Parcel management of soil and vineyard, certified sustainable farming



### ~ Winemaking ~

- The fermentation is carried out in thermo-regulated stainless steel vats.
- Some of the wines undergo malolactic fermentation in new barrels.
- Ageing is from 18 to 24 months depending on the wine.
- The wine is aged in French oak barrels of which 30 to 40% are new each year.
- The Château produces 100 000 to 120 000 bottles each year, depending on the vintage.
- **Alcohol content: 14.5°**

### ~ Tasting Notes ~

Deep color and aromas that contain intense notes of fruit, as well as touches of liquorice and mild spices. The palate is stylish, with tannins that are finely structured, clearly ready for the long haul. The final impression is powerful yet classy, quite free of any weightiness.



**91-93 Points.** The 2018 Grand-Puy-Ducasse is deep garnet-purple in color and has quite a lot of cedar/oak on the nose to begin, opening out to a core of warm black and red currants, stewed plums and mulberries with touches of pencil shavings, fried herbs, lavender and tapenade. Medium to full-bodied, the palate gives a firm, grainy frame with some chew from the oak and fresh, crunchy red and black fruit, finishing savory.

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**93-94 Points.** This is really solid with a dense and deep palate of ripe fruit and chewy tannins. Muscular for this cru. Full-bodied yet energetic and intense.



**93 Points.** Barrel Sample. Showing fine, rich dark berry flavors, this is a structured wine that has concentration. It comes from an estate that seems to have come together well – R.V.