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CHATEAU GRAND PUY DUCASSE 2021 AOP Pauillac - Classified 5th Growth in 1855

— Background —

Acquired in the middle of the 17th century by Arnaud Ducasse, he could not imagine that it would become the foundation of a great estate that would remain in his family for nearly three centuries. The real founder of the estate was Pierre Ducasse, a lawyer with a passion for wine. He acquired land and part of the Bourdieu de Grand-Puy in three parishes: Pauillac, Saint-Lambert and Saint-Sauveur, as well as three seigneuries: Lafite, Latour and Beychevelle. New purchases and exchanges allowed him to extend his domains until his death in 1797. His son found himself at the head of a real estate operation named Ducasse-Grand-Puy-Artigues-Arnaud, with sixty hectares, of which nearly two thirds were planted with vines. Around 1820, he had the present chateau built facing the Gironde, on the site of his ancestors' house. In 1820, the existing chateau 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
- 62% Cabernet Sauvignon & 38% Merlot planted.
- Average age of vines is 25 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 Chateau produces 100 000 to 120 000 bottles each year, depending on the vintage.

94 Points. This estate, whose chateau is on the Gironde estuary front in Pauillac, is a solid, tannic wine. Its Cabernet Sauvignon brings out black-currant fruits and shows fine potential.

