

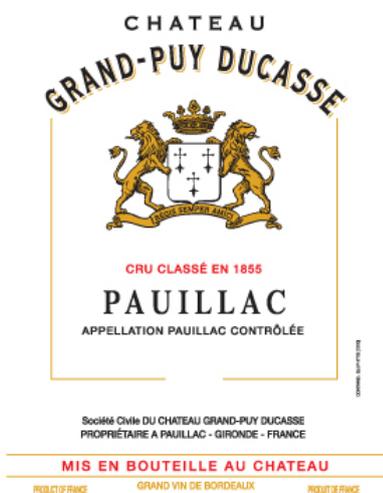
# Château Grand-Puy Ducasse

Grand Cru Classé de Pauillac en 1855

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## Vintage 2010



## Terroirs

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

## Surface of the vineyard

40 ha

## Planting density

10 000 Vines / ha

## Average Age of the vines

33 years

## Appellation

Pauillac, Grand Cru Classé en 1855

## Farming method

Parcel management of soil and vineyard.  
Certified sustainable farming.



### *Climatic Conditions*

Flowering of merlot was somewhat handicapped by cool, humid weather in June, which considerably reduced the yields from this variety. Otherwise 2010 fulfilled all the conditions for a great vintage, allowing to produce perfectly ripe grapes for every plot.

### *Ripening phases*

Flowering: around May 26th  
Véraison (change of colour in berries): between August 4th and 15th

### *Harvest*

Merlot : from 28th September to 5th October  
Cabernet Sauvignon: from 8th October to 19th October

### *Yields*

47,49 hl / ha

### *Winemaking*

After hand-picking and selection of the grapes on the vines, they are de-stalked and carefully sorted once more. Fermentation is carried out in temperature controlled stainless-steel tanks. After blending, the wine is aged from 18 to 24 months in French oak barrels, 30% to 40% of which are new.

### *Production*

89 000 bottles

### *The blend*

60% Cabernet Sauvignon  
40% Merlot

### *Tasting notes*

Deep colour 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.

### *Awards and distinctions*

Robert Parker: 94 / 100  
Bettane & Desseauve: 17 / 20  
Wine Spectator: 93 / 100  
James Suckling: 93 / 100



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