



2023 VINTAGE

Grand Vin Blending:

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste

77% Cabernet Sauvignon - 23% Merlot

Dates of harvest:	September, 11 th to 28 th 2023
Ageing:	In French oak barrels with 75 % of new barrels
Yield of this vintage:	48 hl/hectare (10 000 vines/Ha)
Date of blending:	December 2023

Second wine Blending

Lacoste-Borie

**56% Cabernet Sauvignon - 33% Merlot –
11% Cabernet Franc**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Estate total surface	90 hectares around the Château
Vineyard surface:	60 hectares in one block around the Château
Average age of the vines:	38 years
Soil:	Very deep coarse gravel
Grape Varieties in the vineyard:	75% Cabernet Sauvignon – 20% Merlot – 5% Cabernet Franc
Density of plantation:	10 000 vines/hectare
Rootstock:	Riparia gloire & 101.14
Growing of the vines:	Mechanical ploughing of the soil Viticulture practices: Spraying kept to the absolute effective minimum
Harvest:	Exclusively hand picked
Grape Selection:	Two successive selections before and after the de-stemming process
Vinification:	A long period of maceration (about 3 weeks)

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ABOUT THE 2023 VINTAGE



The 2023 vintage could be talked about as being “two in one”. It really is a vintage of contrast and complexity, both due to the weather, which gave the vigneron a few worries, and the result in the glass, as, thanks to meticulous work in the vines, we have a wine with plenty of power along with a fine elegance.

If we say “2 in 1” it’s because one has the impression that the Merlots and the Cabernets have not ripened under the same climatic conditions. During our tastings for the assemblages, the Merlots gave the impression they had come from a very hot and dry vintage, with great concentration, while the Cabernet Sauvignons showed a much more classic style, well ripened and with more freshness. A careful choice of the blend between the two varieties in the assemblage has resulted in a harmonious wine with a long future.

Everything started with a fairly wet winter, our vital water table has been replenished, although temperatures were normal. Then everything took off from the beginning of March. Being particularly warm, the vegetation grew quickly and bud break was early, March 31st, as in 2022. Flowering followed early as we saw the first flowers at the end of May, early June. Spring and its alternating warmth and cold necessitated the strictest vigilance, as these are the perfect conditions for the diseases of the vine. Thanks to our awareness of this risk, our work in the vineyard, and our knowledge of the different plots of our vineyard, this risk was kept under control.

The first grapes started to take colour, veraison, from July 15th and “mi-veraison” was fifteen days later at the end of July, a rapidity to which we are unaccustomed.

Year after year, veraison takes place earlier and earlier; our vines have an astonishing ability to adapt to climatic conditions.

For example, the merlots, completely coloured by July 31st, well withstood the heat of August 18th as they were already almost completely ripe.

This was another dry summer; there was no rain in August and it was very hot, but in a different way from 2022.

The first rains came on September 21st; happily, we had started harvesting the Merlots on September 11th. The vats of Merlot were very concentrated and very rich. The best Cabernet Sauvignons which always make up a significant part of the assemblage of the Grand Vin had also been picked before the rain on September 21st, at what we consider to be optimal maturity

for our terroir. They are classic, very elegant with blackcurrant and peppery notes, and lots of freshness. The character of this vintage is a perfect example of the magic of the assemblage, a harmonious combination of grape varieties, the differing parts of our vineyards, and the experience of our team.

Grand Puy Lacoste 2023 is made up, as is generally the case, from a great majority of Cabernet Sauvignon, (77%) which gives it a lovely dense red purple colour, fine and bright, showing yet again the potential of our terroir.

On the nose there are hints of blackcurrant, spices, especially of pepper and black fruits. The whole has a pronounced lively minerality and a touch of graphite.

In the mouth, the front of the palate is most precise and clean. This 2023 is well balanced with a pronounced vitality, together with a finish prolonged by ripe well-knit tannins.

Yet again, we find with this fine vintage the expression of the great terroir of Grand Puy Lacoste, with its richness, complexity and elegance.

This will certainly be numbered among the great successes of the property, recognised for the regularity with which it is able to produce great wine.



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