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# CHÂTEAU GRAND-PUY DUCASSE

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Bottle Size: 750 mL

UPC Number: N/A

*Vintage:* 2011  
*Producer:* Cuvelier  
*Country:* Bordeaux, France  
*Composition:*  
60 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 40 % Merlot

#### **WINEMAKER NOTES:**

Three large plots in the best parts of Pauillac form the Pauillac, Grand Cru Classé en 1855 vineyard of this classified growth. This unusual configuration is a direct inheritance from the estate's founder, Pierre Ducasse, an eminent lawyer. In the 18th century he gave a single name to a fine vineyard holding, which was put together through inheritance and purchases. When he died in 1797, his son, Pierre, inherited a 60-hectare exploitation, named Ducasse-Grand-Puy-Artigues-Arnaud.

#### **TASTING NOTES:**

Discipline, patience and controlled risk-taking were necessary skills to deal with such a complicated weather pattern. This strategy paid off, allowing us to produce perfectly ripe grapes for each variety. The result is a fruity, powerful and complex vintage, of a similar quality level as the last 2 vintages, and between the strength of 2009 and the freshness of 2010.

#### **VINEYARD:**

The vineyard's 40 hectares (99 acres) are divided between three main plots which lie on sandy Garonne gravel within the Pauillac appellation. The vines border those of Mouton, Lafite and Pontet-Canet to the North. In their central part, they cover part of the Bourdieu of Grand Puy, and, at their southern extremity, the Saint-Lambert plateau. With an average age of 25 years, 62% of the vines are Cabernet Sauvignon and 38% Merlot. Average yields are 40 hectolitres per hectare. Parcel management of soil and vineyard. Certified sustainable farming.

~100,000 -120,000 bottle produced

#### **VINIFICATION:**

After hand-picking and selection of the grapes on the vine, these arrive in the winery, where they are de-stalked and carefully sorted once more. Fermentation is carried out in temperature controlled stainless-steel tanks. Some of the wines undergo malolactic fermentation in new barrels. The wine is aged from 18 to 24 months, depending on the vintage, in French oak barrels, 30% to 40% of which are new.

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