



# Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2018



## Blend

78% Cabernet Sauvignon - 22% Merlot

## Tasting note

Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2018 is one of a series of great vintages. The blend has a majority of Cabernet Sauvignon (78%) whose character and charm so perfectly express the richness and quality of this distinguished terroir. This wine is deep magenta, intense and brilliant. The bouquet reveals aromas of ripe black fruits and liquorice, underlining the grapes' perfect maturity, whilst keeping a pretty freshness and good minerality. On the palate, the

attack is precise, very dense and complex. This 2018 has a very fine balance combining power, elegance and complexity. It has a long, very aromatic and tannic finish. The whole emphasizing the great ageing potential of this wine. This vintage is no doubt one of the great success stories of the chateau and what more fitting way to celebrate this 40th anniversary!

## Total surface area of the estate

90 hectares around the Château

## Vineyard in production

58 hectares in one block around the Château

## Average age of the vineyard

38 years old

## Terroir

Very deep coarse gravel

## Vineyard grape varieties

75% Cabernet Sauvignon - 20% Merlot - 5% Cabernet Franc

## Planting density

10 000 vines/hectares

## Grafting

Riparia gloire & 101.14

## Vineyard management

Mechanical ploughing of the soil Viticulture practices: Spraying kept to the absolute effective minimum

## Harvest

Exclusively hand picked

## Grape sorting

Two successive selections before and after the de-stemming process

## Vinification

A long period of maceration (about 3 weeks)

## Ageing

In French oak barrels (75% new barrels each vintage) for between 16 to 18 months depending on the vintage.

## Owner

M. François-Xavier BORIE

## Director R&D - Oenologist

Ms Christel SPINNER

## Cellar Master

M. Benoît ESTASSY

## Head of Culture

M. Antonio FLORES

## Consulting Oenologist

M. Eric BOISSENOT

## Public Relation

Miss Emeline BORIE

## Press & Awards

### Wine Spectator

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2018 - James Molesworth

Score: 95-98

This captures the style of the vintage to a T, with vividly ripe cassis and plum fruit, carried by solidly built but fine-grained structure. Lots of graphite and tobacco accents hang in the background for now. A firmly grounded wine.

### Vinous

Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2018 - Antonio Galloni

Score : 93-96

A wine of precision, energy and nuance, the 2018 Grand-Puy-Lacoste is fabulous. Freshly cut flowers, mint and sweet red berry fruit grace this exquisite, nuanced Pauillac. Medium in body, understated and classy, Grand-Puy-Lacoste is one of the highlights of the year. In a word: impeccable. The 2018 is 78% Cabernet Sauvignon and 22% Merlot from yields of 40 hectoliters per hectare.