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...” Nearby at Château Grand Puy Lacoste, I paid a visit to François Xavier Borie (pictured) and his daughter Emeline.

“The weather forecast was changing each day,” he told me. “The tannins were ripe but we had to choose what we were picking very carefully. If the forecast was very good we could have waited a couple more days, but we decided to pick. But there is no point in picking very quickly in three or four days. The gravel and older vines had an advantage in 2012. The Cabernet Franc looked good but after a month or two it was a bit disappointing and did not have the structure.”

I have to say – I loved this wine. It just had an enviable degree of symmetry and focus and whilst it had no interest in pressing the “POWER” button, it just glided across the palate with supreme precision and grace.



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Tasting Notes:

2012 Chateau Grand Puy Lacoste 92-94

Tasted en primeur at the château. The Grand Puy Lacoste 2012 is a blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon and 24% Merlot picked between 3rd and 16th October at 36hl/ha and matured in 75% new oak. The aromatics are reticent at first, demand coaxing from the glass. It reluctantly offers blackberry, small dark cherries and a fragrant seaweed scent. The palate is medium-bodied with firm, grainy tannins that appear fully ripe. There is a very attractive symmetry to this wine, wonderful focus with a fresh, refined finish that is not powerful like the 2009 or 2010, but offers a pleasant salty tang. This is a well crafted wine for the vintage. Tasted April 2013.