



# Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2012



## Blend

76% Cabernet Sauvignon - 24% Merlot

## Date of harvest

3rd to 16th of October 2012

## Tasting note

The blend of Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2012 is a majority Cabernet Sauvignon (76%) which offers a nice balanced structure and illustrates the potential of the vineyard. This wine has an enticing, dark and very intense, ruby colour. The bouquet reveals aromas of ripe black fruit and cassis complemented by spicy notes with great freshness. The palate is precise and dense, evolving into charming and well

rounded tannins with good length and structure. The overall impression is one of purity and elegance. This 2012 is once again a beautiful expression of the potential held by the terroir of Grand-Puy-Lacoste, this wine will be part of the great lineage of Grand-Puy-Lacoste vintages.

**Total surface area of the estate**  
90 hectares around the Château

**Vineyard in production**  
55 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)

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

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