

## Château Grand-Puy-Lacoste 2014



82% Cabernet Sauvignon - 18% Merlot

## Tasting note

The 2014 blend for Grand Puy Lacoste has, once again a large proportion of cabernet sauvignon (82%) proving once more the potential of this vineyard to really express all the best characteristics and charm of the cabernet grapes. This wine has an impressive intense ruby red colour. The nose expresses ripe, concentrated black fruits, blueberries and blackcurrant liqueur, typically Grand-Puy-Lacoste, with a slight spicy, peppery note. On the palate the

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 first impressions are of density and great precision, carrying on with ripe tannins, powerful and elegant. This 2014 possesses a beautiful balance and freshness with a long finish and an intense note of cocoa. We find in this wine the framework of the great vintages of Grand-Puy-Lacoste where the richness and complexity of the terroir, combine with the refined fruit and ripe tannins which are perfectly expressed.

Grape sorting Two successive selections before and after the destemming 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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