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Bordeaux 2010: Pauillac the Perfect?

...” Moving away from the First Growth, the only problem you might have is just what to choose, though given that they are the preserve of the millionaires’ club, they probably don’t have to worry about their next council tax bill in lieu of a case of Claret. **Château Grand Puy Lacoste 2010 is just ridiculously good, even though it might challenge consumers’ patience alongside Latour. Then again, Xavier Borie’s wine is a bit cheaper.** In this year, terroir *does* play a big influence, so unsurprisingly there is a noticeable gap between G.P.L. and its younger sibling **Château Haut Batailley**, more so than in 2009. “...

One to lie down: Most of them, but none more so than Château Grand Puy Lacoste and Latour.

Tasting Notes

2010 Chateau Grand Puy Lacoste 97

Tasted at the Union de Grand Cru in London and subsequently at the chateau. The 2010 Grand Puy Lacoste has a wonderful bouquet that is reticent at first, probably because it was tasted just three months after bottling. But there is patently great fruit intensity here: blackcurrant and a touch of pomegranate, interwoven with graphite and *sous-bois*. The palate is medium-bodied is underpinned by wonderful freshness and vitality, marrying the austerity of both Pauillac and the vintage, with intense rather than concentrated fruit. It offers stunning definition, the finish quintessential Pauillac – a little aloof, a little aristocratic, but utterly compelling. This will be a benchmark wine for the estate. Tasted November 2012.