

  
**CHÂTEAU  
GRAND-PUY-LACOSTE**  
GRAND CRU CLASSÉ EN 1855



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Meanwhile at Château Grand Puy Lacoste, Xavier Borie commented upon the vinification...

*"You had to be careful in the way it fermented. It was not a huge structure, not too much remontage and a slightly cooler temperature. The acidity is a touch higher than last year."*

As expected, both G.P.L. and Château Haut-Batailley are drawn along classical lines, which is part of their DNA. They do not possess the structure of previous vintages, but they are what you might term as "architectural" wines, modelled upon neat lines, conservative and perhaps just a little austere, but you could easily imagine them popping up in gentleman's clubs in ten-years time.

**2013 Château Grand Puy Lacoste (90-92)**

The Grand Puy Lacoste is a blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Merlot picked at 31hl/ha from 30 September until 11 October, matured in 75% new oak. It has a fragrant red berry fruit on the nose: raspberry leaf and cranberry, undergrowth and a touch of tobacco. It is very classic G.P.L. style but dialled down from previous vintages. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins and well judged acidity, harmonious with cedar and tobacco on the finish. There is not the usual structure compared to recent vintages, although it is cohesive and for want of a better word...honest. And what more can you ask from a wine? Tasted April 2014.