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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 Lacoste Borie 89

Tasted at Chateau Grand Puy Lacoste. The Lacoste Borie has a fragrant bouquet of light redcurrant and wild strawberry fruit, interlaced with graphite and wild hedgerow. It is muted at first, but it unfurls nicely with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins, perhaps missing a little weight in the middle, but nicely balanced on the “classic” finish that has “gentleman’s club luncheon claret” written all over it. And there is nowt wrong with that. Tasted November 2012.