

Neal Martin – Novembre 2011

**2009 Grand-Puy-Lacoste**

A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Pauillac, Bordeaux, France

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Cost
Wine Journal Jan 2012	Neal Martin	95	Drink -	\$68-\$125
<p>Tasted at the chateau. The Grand Puy Lacoste 2009 has a precise nose, very minerally, subtle floral notes, wild hedgerow and crushed stone. The fruit has ebbed away at the moment but it will come back. The palate is just wonderful, very precise with wonderful mineralite. Very fresh and tense, wonderful clarity towards the finish. This is a slightly more feminine Grand Puy Lacoste and merit a higher score further down the line. Tasted November 2011.</p>				
Wine Journal May 2010	Neal Martin	94-96	Drink -	\$68-\$125
<p>Tasted at the chateau. A blend of 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot and 2% Cabernet Franc picked the between the 24th September and 7th October. The nose is introverted and broody at first, hints of seaweed inflecting the pure black fruits. Very minerally – lots of character here. The palate is medium-bodied, the tannins a little firmer and structure than other Pauillacs, which is exactly in keeping with the estate's style. Lovely poise on the finish, wonderful focus and edginess with a savoury note on the finish. Insistent grip. Superb persistency and yet typically conservative in its youth. No doubt it will demand at least ten years cellaring, but it will be worth the wait. Tasted March 2010.</p>				