

# *Prélude à Grand-Puy Ducasse*

Second wine of Château Grand-Puy Ducasse, Pauillac

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## *Vintage 2012*



## *Appellation*

Pauillac

## *Terroirs*

Garonne gravels and silica, typical of Pauillac, for the Cabernet Sauvignon, and sandy gravels for the Merlot.

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## *Surface of the vineyard*

40 ha

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## *Planting density*

10 000 Vines / ha

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## *Average Age of the vines*

34 years

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## *Farming method*

Parcel management of soil and vineyard.  
Certified sustainable farming.



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### *Climatic Conditions*

The 2012 growing season was marked by rather severe weather conditions. The rainy, cold spring was followed by a dry summer, which slowed the vegetative cycle of the vine. We waited until the first weeks of October to start the harvest. 2012 remains in the memory as an atypical, complicated year where human choices were more important than ever.

### *Ripening phases*

Mid-flowering : around June 4th  
Mid-ripening : around August 9th

### *Harvest*

Merlot : from October 1st to 12th  
Cabernet Sauvignon : from October 12th to 16th

### *Yields*

42 hl / ha

### *Winemaking*

Following hand-picking and selection of the grapes on the vines, they are de-stalked and carefully sorted once more. Fermentation is carried out in temperature controlled stainless steel or concrete tanks. After blending, the wine is aged from 16 to 18 months in French oak barrels, 10% to 15% of which are new.

### *Production*

70 000 bottles

### *The blend*

60% Merlot  
40% Cabernet Sauvignon

### *Tasting notes*

This crimson-coloured 2012 shows aromas of strawberry, raspberry and violet on the nose. The palate, full and rounded, reveals a remarkable balance, supported by good acidity which gives it freshness. An enticing wine, easy to drink, characterised by its good balance.

### *Awards*

SILVER medal at the "Concours des Grands Vins de France de Mâcon 2014"



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