

# *Prélude à Grand-Puy Ducasse*

Second wine of Château Grand-Puy Ducasse, Pauillac

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## *Vintage 2009*



## *Appellation*

Pauillac

## *Terroirs*

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

## *Surface of the vineyard*

40 ha

## *Planting density*

10 000 Vines / ha

## *Average Age of the vines*

32 years

## *Farming method*

Parcel management of soil and vineyard.  
Certified sustainable farming.



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### *Climatic Conditions*

2009 gathered all the conditions that outstanding vintages require! Rainfall was noticeably deficient, exceptionally high sunshine hours until the month of March, a very sunny Summer until September, allowing for the perfect ripening of the grapes and great concentration of aromas.

### *Ripening phases*

Flowering: around 26th May  
Véraison (colour change in berries) : around 20th August

### *Harvest*

Merlot - from 17th to 25th September  
Cabernet Sauvignon - from 28th September to 9th October

### *Yields*

46,34 hl / ha

### *Winemaking*

After 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 tanks. After blending, the wine is aged from 16 to 18 months in French oak barrels, 10% to 15% of which are new.

### *Production*

62 000 bottles

### *The blend*

60% Cabernet Sauvignon  
40% Merlot

### *Tasting notes*

Prélude à Grand-Puy Ducasse 2009 is spicy and generous on the nose. The palate shows nice aromas of red fruits followed by powerful and soft tannins.

This is a great wine that can be enjoyed now or kept for a few years in a cellar (3 to 5 years).

### *Comments & Awards*

SILVER Medal at the "Challenge International du Vin 2012"  
Wine Spectator: 89 / 100



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