

# *Prélude à Grand-Puy Ducasse*

Second wine of Château Grand-Puy Ducasse, Pauillac

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## *Vintage 2007*



## *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.



### *Climatic Conditions*

This vintage was quite nerve-wracking, practically from beginning to end. Fine late-season weather in September and October saved this vintage. The key to success laid in the vineyard and in the considerable amount of work we put into it.

### *Ripening phases*

Merlot : Budbreak 29th March, Flowering 27th May, véraison 3rd August  
Cabernet Sauvignon : Budbreak 6th April, Flowering 2nd June, véraison 11th August

### *Harvest*

Merlot: as from September  
Cabernet Sauvignon: from 8th to 12th October, after a week of interruption

### *Yields*

51,10 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*

95 000 bottles

### *The blend*

60% Cabernet Sauvignon  
40% Merlot

### *Tasting notes*

Shiny ruby colour of medium intensity. Red fruits and white pepper on the nose, and delicate notes of liquorice and blackcurrant syrup after aeration. On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied, with fruits and supple tannins. A delicious wine to enjoy.

### *Awards*

SILVER Medal at the "Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2010"  
SILVER Medal at the "Concours des Grands Vins de France 2010 - Mâcon"



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