

93- Neal Martin on December 2022

The 2020 Grand Puy Ducasse has finally stepped up a gear since I tasted it from barrel. In bottle, it is undoubtedly very concentrated with copious blackberry and boysenberry fruit, touches of incense and graphite developing with aeration. The palate is medium-bodied with grainy tannins, well balanced and with much better backbone than recent vintages; certainly no herbaceousness or underripeness evident. It is quite precise on the finish, completing a very commendable GPD. Drinking Window 2026 – 2045 - From: Thrice Is Nice: Bordeaux 2020 in Bottle (Feb 2023)

94- Antonio Galloni on December 2022

The 2020 Grand Puy Ducasse is elegant, polished and sophisticated, just as it was en primeur. Dark cherry, mocha, licorice and crushed rose petals are some of the many notes that open up. Medium in body, with terrific energy and tons of class, Grand Puy Ducasse is very pretty and especially refined in 2020. Drinking Window 2030 – 2050 - From: Bordeaux 2020: Saving the Best for Last (Feb 2023)

96 points By Jeb Dunnuck

The deep, inky-hued 2020 Château Grand-Puy Ducasse has a seriously impressive, balanced, full-bodied, structured style that's going to reward patience. Pure crème de cassis, black raspberry, graphite, lead pencil, and spring flower notes all define the bouquet, and it has plenty of background oak, a dense, chewy mid-palate, lots of tannins, and a great finish. It's going to need to be forgotten for 7-8 years but will evolve for 30 years or more. (JD) (5/2021)

94-95 points James Suckling

Beautiful richness and depth, offering plums, berries and redcurrants with some walnut and hazelnut undertones. It's full-bodied and layered. Flavorful finish. One of the best ever. (5/2021)

90 points Decanter

Some grilled smoke edges to the aromatics on the first nose. This is extremely tight in its tannins, pretty austere and you need to take a beat to allow this to settle. Cassis and blueberry fruit notes help bring some juice among the tight muscular structure. The oak is a little evident overall, but this is carefully made with promise. Harvest September 15 to October 1. (JA) (4/2021)

- Jancis Robinson

Certified HVE. Very dark, smoky, brooding and tannic. Charcoal, elderberries and bitter herbs. Lots of power packed into intensely compact tannins, like metamorphic rock in a glass. Layers and layers into black stone. Uncompromising, but wonderfully fresh. (TC)"

- Wine Spectator

"Flows wonderfully from the start, with an already accessible feel to the mix of cassis and dark blackberry notes inlaid with singed alder, warm paving stone, tobacco leaf and graphite accents that then carry the finish. In the end, there's no rush at all here. A pretty gorgeous Pauillac. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Best from 2025 through 2038. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. "