

CHÂTEAU GRAND PUY DUCASSE 2023 PAUILLAC

Jane ANSON – Inside Bordeaux (94/100) :

Luscious black cherry and damson feel, showing reserve and austerity at this early stage. A clearly impressive, balanced and classically-trained Grand Puy Ducasse with cocoa bean, liquorice, crayon, mint, very much in the Pauillac signature. 50hl/h, Hubert de Bouïard consultant since 2013, working with Philippe Nunes. Anne le Naour technical director, 30% new oak for ageing. Benjamin Cassoulet technical director. The first year in the new cellar with suspended triconic stainless steel vats.

James MOLESWORTH – Wine Spectator (92/100) :

This is solid, with gently warmed cassis and plum reduction notes forming a dark and winey core, while singed alder, cold cast iron and tobacco lead notes fill in liberally. A cast iron accent then punches through to lengthen the finish. A touch burly, so cellar to let this settle in. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Best from 2027 through 2037. 13,000 cases made.

Antonio Galloni – Vinous Media (94/100)

Neal Martin – Vinous Media (92/100)

James Suckling – JamesSuckling.com (94/100) :

Currants, berries and spices with a fresh, elegant, herbal edge. Fine-grained on the palate, with creamy tannins and a structured, integrated finish. Vertical but pretty polished. 52% cabernet sauvignon, 44% merlot and 4% petit verdot. Drink from 2027.