

**GRAND CRU CLASSÉ** 

Appellation Pauillac

CLASSIFICATION Grand Cru Classé

VINTAGE 2003

Owner
Jean-Michel CAZES



**Surface:** 90 hectares

« Terroir » (soil) : Garonne Gravel

**Harvest**: Hand-picked and sorted at the vineyard

**Ageing:** French oak barrels for 15 months (70% new wood)

**Blending:** 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

With only eight vintage during the 20th Century experiencing such an extended period of extreme temperatures, France has never seen a vintage culminate with such an outrageously fierce August heat. Yet Bordeaux seems to have survived better than elsewhere in France. Thankfully, some good rainfall in July kept the wines evolving, and general consensus places the largest concentration of outstanding wines in the northern Médoc, especially Pauillac and St-Estèphe.

As result, Lynch-Bages 2003 is opulent, seductive and exhibits superbly ripe fruit.

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