

Château du Petit Puch

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SPECS SHEET – VINTAGE 2003

Property

- Appellation Graves de Vayres, 14 hectares, Red wine
- Soil of sand-gravel on the high of the Vayres plateau
- Vine variety 80% merlot, 20% cabernet sauvignon

Yield

- Very low yield at 32 hectoliters per hectare
- Production 50 000 bottles

Vinegrowing and vinification :

- Severe pruning, guyot simple or double, excess branching removal, leaf stripping
- Green harvesting
- Grape clusters selected on the vine, full manual harvest placed in small boxes, sorting at the winery before and after de-stemming.
- Vinification in small stainless steel vats loaded by conveying belt to avoid any alteration of the grapes. Light crushing at the top the vats.
- Fermentation in open vats with manual punching down several times per day.
- Small vertical cage press
- Maturing in oak barrels for 12 months.

Citations and testing notes:

- Gold Medal **Concours Mondial de Bruxelles** (World Brussels Contest) **2006**
- Vinalies Prize, **National Vinalies 2006**, French Oenologists
- **Guide Hachette 2006** : *“Its fruited aromas are dominated by intense oaky notes. In mouth it is a powerful wine, still austere but full of promise. Two or three years of patience will be needed.”* (Tasting Winter 2005)
- Selected by periodical **Régail**, February 2007, best affordable Bordeaux: *“Intense blackcurrant and over ripe strawberry. Fireworks above the glass! After this cataclysm, the mouth, cooler is gourmand and nice. Quite a treat”*
- Selected by CIVB, March 2007, best convincing Bordeaux on the chinese market.
- Tasting notes, March 2007: *“Dark ruby colour. Nose full of chocolate, vanilla, cinnamon, curry and violet. Very soft attack, good acidity, light astringency, aromas of blackcurrant and almond”* Mrs J.M., member of wine tasting club
- Château du Petit Puch nominated at the « Best of Wine Tourism 2006 » contest organised by “Great Wine Capitals Global Network” and Bordeaux Chamber of Commerce

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