

Château Pédesclaux, Pauillac, Grand Cru Classé 1855, 2014

Pauillac, Red 2014



Like the very best wines of its appellation, Château Pédesclaux reflects its complex terroir. Pédesclaux embodies the density of Pauillac tempered by a unique sensuality. Complexity, depth, sensuality, freshness and tension.

THE WINE

Owners: Jacky and Françoise Lorenzetti

Director: Vincent Bache-Gabrielsen

Oenologist: Eric Boissenot

Area: 49.7 hectares

THE VINTAGE

2014 was a succession of totally different seasons. Mild temperatures and plenty of rain (our weather station registered a rainfall excess of 87%) caused an early beginning of the vegetative cycle. Spring was mild, dry and sunny and therefore we were 15 days ahead of time. We kept these days until the end of the flowering. Due to a pretty cold summer, the veraison was spread until mid-August. An amount of sunshine higher than 20%, the average temperatures higher of 2°C than a normal vintage and less rain : that was September ! Since 1900, it was one of the warmest month! This Indian Summer allowed the berries to get more maturity and concentration, their volume declining up to 10% per week.

SITUATION

AOC Pauillac

TERROIR

Garonne gravel on limestone bedrock

IN THE VINEYARD

All work favorizing a good distribution and aeration of the grapes (disbudding, clipping, thinning out of leaves. Hand-picked sorting harvest according to the terroir, the vigorous zones and separation between stocks from the heart and the borders of our plots. Harvest in crates, followed by a manual sorting on clusters and then on berries.

WINEMAKING

Gravitary vatting without pressing

Prefermentary cold maceration

Long vatting period

Gravitary vinification without pump

MATURATION

60% of new barrels

16 months in barrels

VARIETALS

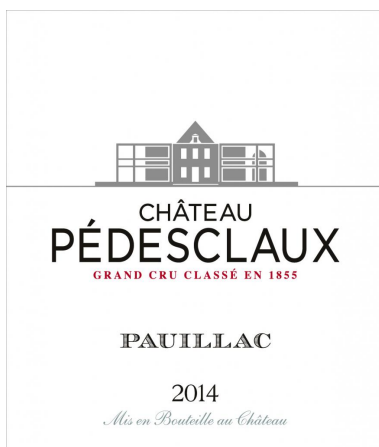
Cabernet-sauvignon : 53%, Merlot : 47%

SPECIFICATIONS

Alcohol level : 13.91 % vol.

Residual Sugar : 0.4 g/l

Acidity : 5.4 g/l





pH: 3.69
Age of vines: 35 years old
Yields : 42 hL/ha
Volume production : 1125 hL

TASTING NOTES

Deep and intense black color. The nose exhibits smoked notes, blackcurrant, chocolate and nutmeg. After aeration, it shows an impressive intensity and reveals notes of Morello cherry and blueberry. The attack is dense and expressive. The palate is full-bodied, very harmonious with ripe soft tannins accompanied by a complex fruit, milky toffee, toasted cocoa. 2014 opens with verve our brand new cellar and its revolutionary installations. Thanks to all the works done in vines since 2009 and this state-of-the-art winery, 2014 is the reference vintage for Château Pédesclaux.
Tasted at the Château in April 2015

REVIEWS AND AWARDS



16.5/20

« No doubt that 2014 is the beginning of a new story for Pédesclaux with the best wine produced here for decades. Dense, tight and deep, this 2014 is absolutely delicious. »

La Revue du Vin de France, 01/09/2015



91-93/100

"The Château Pédesclaux, what will surely be known in future as the « fishtank » château given that it is now encased in glass. It has a precise and well defined bouquet with mineral black fruit infused with graphite and cedar. The palate is medium-bodied with supple black fruit and that hints of graphite again. The acidity is well judged and there is a sense of refinement and class on the finish. This estate has been threatening to make a great wine, this might be it."

Neal Martin, Wine Advocate, 01/04/2015



93-94/100

« Amazing quality. Best wine ever. Superb balance of fruit and ripe tannins with velvety structure, yet this is tightly grained and luscious. What length! »

James Suckling , 01/04/2015



93/100

« Archetypical of a great Pauillac, full-bodied and vigorous with a tight but very silky tannic structure and a fresh length. »

Guide Bettane et Desseauve des vins de France

