

2012 Domaine Constant-Duquesnoy Cotes du Rhone Villages Vinsobres Confidance

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Review by Jeb Dunnuck eRobertParker.com # 216 (Part 2) (Jan 2015)

Rating: 94

Drink 2014 - 2029

Cost: \$60

Up there with some of the greatest Vinsobres I've ever tasted, the 2012 Vinsobres Confidence is an even split of Grenache and Syrah that was vinified and aged in barrel. Its inky purple color is followed by an incredible wine that has notes of black raspberry, crème de cassis, dusty soil and dried flowers, full-bodied richness and a seamless, elegant, layered profile on the palate. The tannin quality here is off the charts, and this is exceptional juice. It's hard to resist now, but it should have 10-15 years of longevity when all is said and done.

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Offering more of everything, the 2012 Vinsobres Confidance is a knockout effort that gives up ample berry and black raspberry fruit, licorice, toast, spice and earthy nuances on the nose. Full-bodied, mouth filling and beautifully balanced, it possesses a seamless, pure texture that keeps you coming back to the glass. Good overall freshness and sweet tannin all suggest it will evolve gracefully for 7-8 years. Proprietor Gerard Constant makes these crazy good efforts from his 20 acres of vines located in the up-and-coming Vinsobres region (think northern part of the southern Rhone). The higher elevation of the vineyards here gives the wines notable purity and freshness. Readers looking for high-quality wines at reasonable prices need to get on this estate's bandwagon. Importer: Serge Dore Selections,

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