



2009 Les Halos de Jupiter Cotes du Rhone Villages Rasteau

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Rasteau, Cotes du Rhone Villages, Southern Rhone, Rhone, France

Review by Robert Parker
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Rating: (86-88)
Drink -
Cost:

Bigger and more rustic with more pepper, chocolate, Asian soy and kirsch characteristics is the 2009 Cotes du Rhone-Villages Rasteau, a blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah. Full-bodied, masculine and muscular, it is a classic representation of this sun-drenched hillside appellation that should evolve for 8-10 years. (Not yet released) This project, which features the brilliant winemaking skills of Philippe Cambie working with the proprietor of Chateau de Nages, Michel Gassier, is essentially a negociant operation dedicated to the highest quality wines. Most of the vineyards are organically farmed and some are biodynamically farmed. With all of these cuvees, Cambie follows his typical practice of aging all the Grenache in tank, usually cement if available, or stainless steel. The Syrah and Mourvedre are kept in 600-liter demi-muids. There are two cuvees of Chateauneuf du Pape from the northern and north-eastern part of the appellation. Importers: A Daniel Johnnes Selection, imported by Michael Skurnik, Syosset, NY; tel. (516) 677-9300 and Paul M. Young Fine Wines, Los Angeles, CA; tel. (323) 222-2003
