

Stu's Picks Wine Club March 15th 2008, Tasting Selections and Notes

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Club Pick's for March 2008: Santa Duc 2004

Vin de Pays de Vaucluse

Background

Yves Gras of Domaine Santa Duc is a legendary producer of Gigondas, and has bottled for us this wonderful little cuvée from the Vaucluse. Only 500 cases are ever made. The vineyards are located in areas just outside the famous appellations of Gigondas and Vacqueyras. The wine is made from 50% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 15% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. The grapes are fermented full cluster to add structure and complexity and aged completely in stainless steel tanks to retain the fruit.

Review

86pts Wine Advocate

"The 2005 Les Plans is a crisp, elegant, straightforward, fruity wine made from a blend of mostly Grenache with about 25% Syrah and the rest Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. It is fresh and light to medium-bodied and a vin de plaisir. [...]"

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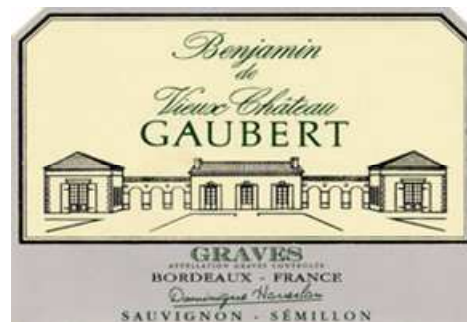


Domaine: Domaine Santa Duc
Cuvée: Les Plans
Vintage: 2005
Producer: Yves Gras <http://www.santaduc.fr/english/index.html>
Variety: 50% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 15% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
Country: France
Region: Rhône Valley

Benjamin de Vieux Château Gaubert Vintage: 2006

Background

The winemaker and owner of this terrific estate is the young Dominique Haverlan. He is the president of the Growers Association in the Graves region of Bordeaux. This special bottling is named after his son Benjamin, who was born at the Vieux Château Gaubert. The estate and its vineyards are located in the small village of Portets, not far from the banks of the Garonne River. The soil here is composed of riverbed gravel typical to the region. The Benjamin de Vieux Château Gaubert is: • 50% Sauvignon Blanc and 50% Semillon • A portion of the Semillon is barrel-fermented in new cask to enhance the wines' texture • The wine is made using skin contact prior to fermentation. This process gives the cuvée Benjamin its tropical aromatics and sumptuous fruit flavors.



Domaine: Benjamin de Vieux Château Gaubert
Vintage: 2006
Producer: Dominique Haverlan
Variety: 60% Sauvignon Blanc, 40% Semillon
Country: France
Region: BORDEAUX

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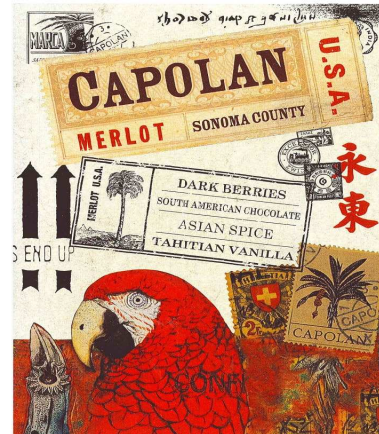
Capolan Merlot 2005

2004 Capolan Merlot Sonoma - The distinctive label is actually a reproduction of a Nick Bantock collage. Capolan is the name of a fictional tribe (council) of "good natured vagabonds", and apparently they represent Benham's search for the "sumptuous mysteries of Merlot". This is definitely a good-natured Merlot, and yet another piece of evidence that Merlot is still alive and kicking

Tasting Notes

Selected from vineyards around Sonoma County. The nose includes a splash of Cabernet Franc for rich perfume notes and Tempranillo for cacao and cinnamon properties.

Plum and Cherry jam aromas with a candied barrel vanilla from oak aging. Tastes emerge of black olive notes, chocolate spice and vanilla



Domaine: Capolan
Vintage: 2005
Producer: Capolan Winery
Variety: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Tempranillo
Country: USA
Region: Sonoma, Ca.

BEX Riesling 2005

Background

Slatey vineyards give rise to rich Honeysuckle, Citrus, and Orange Blossom aromas. Bright and fresh style, fruit flavors and a crisp finish. A very refreshing wine.



Domaine: Bex
Vintage: 2005
Producer: Bex Winery
Variety: Riesling
Country: Germany
Region: Mosel River Valley
10.5% Alcohol

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