





# Perrin Côtes du Rhône Villages Rouge 2009

Originating from different terroirs in the Côtes du Rhône Villages, this wine is one of the most faithful illustrations of the Southern Rhône Valley

# **PRESENTATION**

This wine is produced by the Perrin family, using the same viticultural and wine-making techniques employed at Château de Beaucastel

# THE VINTAGE

2009 is a great vintage of the Southern Rhône Valley. It's a combination of ripe fruit, a rich and harmonious mouth and a fleshy finale with elegant tannins.

#### LOCATION

Just 20% of the Côtes-du-Rhône vineyard is entitled to add the word 'Villages' after the words 'Côtes-du-Rhône'. These are the best vineyard sites.

#### TERROIR

Stony terraces over clay, limestone and gravel.

#### **AGFING**

The harvest is sorted and destemmed. Vinification then takes place in stainless steel and oak. Ageing in tanks and Foudre (25%) for a year.

# **VARIETALS**

Grenache 60%, Syrah 20%, Cinsault 10%

### SERVING

Serve at 18°C

# **TASTING**

Colour: Dark ruby with purple reflections

Nose: Intense smell of macerated cherries and licorice Mouth: Wine is full-bodied with a generous attack, a

pleasant freshness and elegant tannins.

This well-balanced wine

is a typical expression of the southern Rhône with a thyme

and rosemary aftertaste

# **REVIEWS AND AWARDS**

### 16,5/20

"Dark berry fruit. Spicy. Fragrant in a dark way. Dense but fresh fruit, juicy middle. Firm and juicy finish. Just what you want from a CdR though this has more depth than most. Tannins and fruit in balance."

Jancis Robinson, Fine Wine Writing & Wine reviews, 17/10/2010





# 89+/100

"The 2009 Perrin et Fils Côtes du Rhône-Villages ratchets up the intensity level. A blend of 70% Grenache and 30% Syrah, it exhibits a deep ruby/purple hue, black cherry, black currant, lavender, pepper and Provencal herb characteristics, medium body, pure fruit, silky tannins and no hard edges. Enjoy it over the next 2-3 years. This is exactly what I am talking about when I say a product must over deliver."

Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, 15/10/2010

"50% Grenache, 50% Syrah. Black fruits – damsons, plums and black cherries on the nose. Impressively deep, rich and dense on the palate with layers of fruit, spice, and minerality on the palate. Amazing depth and complexity for a wine at this level. Superb."

Aaron Rice, Averys Blog, 10/11/2011

"Another syrah-grenache blend, this one red rather than rosé. The fruit here is dark and spicy: black cherries, black currants and black licorice, with gravelly tannins and a barely smoky finish. From the same producer of Châteauneuf-du-Pape's celebrated Chateau de Beaucastel, this is a serious red at a terrific price. You can also find this wine at Fred Meyer Hawthorne and Hollywood West; Food Front Cooperative Grocery Northwest and Hillsdale; Lamb's Garden Home and Wilsonville Thriftway Marketplaces; and Liner & Elsen; and through Galaxy Wine Co."

Katherine Cole, Oregon Live, 07/11/2011

# **Wine Spectator**

# 89/100

"Youthfully vibrant, with a delicious core of plum and rasperry fruit bursting forth, though there's length, buried minerality and racy acidity to keep it fresh and balanced for modest cellaring. Drink now through 2012."

Wine Spectator, 31/05/2011

"Imported by Vineyard Brands. This wine is a blend of 70% Syrah and 30% Grenache sourced from 15-25 year old vines, a good portion of which are declassified young vines from Vinsobres. There was a youthful and floral nose which was quite engaging. In the mouth there were tart red fruit flavors, a little lightness, grapier tannins, and lots of red fruit in the finish leaning towards a citrus aspect. This is a young but approachable wine to be drunk over the short-term."

Aaron Nix-Gomez, Hogshead, 20/03/2012

### 88/100

"Bright violet color. Red berries and white pepper on the fragrant nose. Juicy, focused raspberry and cherry flavors show good depth and pick up a floral element with air. Packs a punch without carrying any excess weight and finishes with gentle sweetness and good length."

Josh Raynolds, 23/05/2012

"Châteauneuf-du-Pape is the southern Rhône's most prized (and pricey) wine. But many estates also make good value wines, like 2009 Perrin & Fils Côtes du Rhône Villages, from Château de Beaucastel's owners." The Rhône Valley, 01/10/2011

# 89/100

"A blend of 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 10% Cinsault that's aged mostly in tank, the 2009 Côtes du Rhône Villages is a solid, borderline outstanding red that delivers a savory, base-note driven bouquet of black currants, black cherry, lavender, leafy herbs, and ground pepper. Medium bodied and very well put together on the palate, with a deep, chewy mid-palate, notable freshness, and a good tannic spine, this beauty is a fantastic value and should drink nicely for 5-7 years, possibly longer."

Jeb Dunnuck, The Rhône Report



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