

CHÂTEAU PESQUIÉ

TERRASSES RED 2011 AOC VENTOUX



Description

This word comes from the Latin *terras*, meaning "lump of earth". The Ventoux region is characterized by alternating hills and valleys. To make the most of this exceptional terroir, vine growers and other farmers had to accomplish the colossal feat of building "terraces" into the steep hillsides, choosing especially well-protected, sunny locations. Still today, the Provence countryside boasts centuries-old olive trees planted on terraces called *restanques* or *rébanqués* in Provençal. The Chaudière Family chose this name in homage to the Provence countryside terraces their ancestors carved into carefully chosen sites and to the site and garden of Château Pesquié itself.

Soil

Located on the hillside at an average altitude of about 300 meters, the vines are planted in various terroirs from gravelly soil covered with pebbles and lime-stones to more or less rich in iron oxides sands and clays.

Grapes

70 % Grenache and 30 % Syrah (with some traces of Carignan and Cinsault)

Vinification and aging

The grapes are crushed and destemmed. We obtain optimal color and aroma after a fifteen days maceration. Traditional wine-making is followed by a long rest. Then the wine is naturally clarified through a series of decantings at select times. 35 % of this vintage is aged in oak barrels (2 to 4 years old) or in oak tanks for about one year. Bottled at the Château.

Tasting

Colour: deep ruby color.

Nose: intense nose with spicy notes (especially black pepper) and red berries.

Mouth: This very balanced wine offers very round tannins and fresh berries aromas, with some floral and spicy flavors..

Food and wine pairing: Very easy to match. With simple dishes such as pizzas, kebabs, charcuterie, vegetable pies or salads to more ambitious cuisine like terrines, poultry (guineafowl, turkey...), roasted or grilled meats.

Press review

Robert Parker : 94 points (Vintage 2010) - 90 points (Vintage 2009)

Wine Spectator 2010 : « smart buys » (Vintage 2010)

Jeb Dunnuck Rhône Report : 91points (Vintage 2010)

Jancis Robinson (décembre 2010) : 15.5/20 (Vintage 2008)

Concours des Vignerons Indépendants 2012: médaille d'or (millésime 2011)

Un vin presque parfait M6

Guide Bettane & Desseauve 2012 : 15/20 « le bonheur tout de suite » (2010)

Guide Hachette 2012 : «...se distingue par sa souplesse et son fruité gouleyant » (Vintage 2009)

Guide des Vins de la Vallée du Rhône 2010 / 2011 : 4 étoiles « une jolie réussite » (Vintage 2009)

Guide RVF des Meilleurs Vins de France 2011

Gault & Millau 2011 : 15/20 (2009)

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