



LES CLANS

CÔTES DE PROVENCE 2015

Grapes are selected from vines that grow from parcels of superior quality. The best quality lots bearing old vines consisting primarily of Grenache and Rolle (Vermentino). Harvesting at sunrise to noon. Optical grape sorting. Destemming and slight crushing at 7-8°C to avoid oxidation. 90% free run juice. 10% first slight pressing. No maceration. Alcoholic fermentation in new and second year demi-muids (600 L barrels). 10 months burgundian style «Bâtonnage» twice weekly. Individual barrel temperature control.

matthewjukes

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2015 Château d'Esclans, Les Clans, Côtes de Provence is a wine which finally found its feet in 2014 and this stunning vintage further defines its character. There is an initial blush-inducing tenderness to this wine which almost makes you apologise for disturbing it in the glass. Thereafter it gathers its skirts and strikes a firm pose parading ginger-lily and pink grapefruit touches alongside the red cherry-stone theme. Château d'Esclans' rosé hallmark is the gossamer texture of the wines from Whispering Angel, via Rock Angel and then on to these two deities and in 2015 these wines are smoother and longer than ever before. The acidity is proud and combative and there is still spiciness and traction lingering on the palate minutes later. This is a heroic wine and it further underlines the Les Clans model - one of scintillating charm balanced with brittle attitude.

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Love the depth and intensity of fruit with very subtle cream, stone and light strawberry character. Hints of peach. Medium to full body, bright acidity and a delicate layer of phenolics that give the wine tension and precision. Drink now.

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Enticing mango, peach and bergamot flavors are allied to a creamy texture and backed by a lingering echo of wet stone on the finish. Grenache and Rolle. Drink now. 2,000 cases made. -JM



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This wood-aged rosé is complex and intense. The rich fruit is only one part of the structure of the wine which is perfumed, mineral and, for a rosé, dense. It is surely intended for food with its concentration and ripe aftertaste. The extra year of aging has made it ready to drink. - RV

FOOD & WINE

My favourite of Esclans wines. It's floral with delicate red fruit and a creamy texture from some very discrete oak aging. If you even notice that price, you can't afford it. - Henry Jeffrys

WINEANORAK.COM
Jamie Goode's online wine magazine

92Pts

Complex and intriguing with lovely fennel, hazelnut and spice notes. There's some pear and apple character, as well as subtle strawberry and cherry notes. The texture is really appealing, and it has warmth and a sake-like quality. A really good food wine, with the oak adding depth and integrating nicely.

Jancis Robinson
JancisRobinson.com

17/20

Grenache and Vermentino/Rolle. The trademark very, very pale salmon pink from Sacha Lichine. Made in demi-muids, some new. Rather sweet and creamy on the nose. Very big and bold - very Grenache initially and then with some of Vermentino's citrus raciness on the end. Proper, classy Provençal rosé. Lightly bitter on the end at this point, but it's no shy retiring flower.



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