

LE VIEUX PIN

Syrah Classique 2013

THE WINEMAKERS NOTES

While it combines elements of both the old and new world, our Syrah leans more toward what you would expect from France's Rhone Valley - hence the name. While its sibling Cuvee Violette showcases the floral, graceful, perfumed side of Syrah, Cuvee Classique shows the dark, savoury, spicy and powerful side of this noble grape variety. The wine is nuanced, elegant yet structured in its youth. Black peppercorn, game meat, a mélange of wild berries, bacon, black olives and smoke form the aromatic and flavour profiles of this wine. There is more weight, more prominent tannins and longer aging curve for the 2013 vintage specially when compared to the graceful, linear and elegant wines that came out of 2010 and 2011.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Centuries ago the black pepper spice trade launched voyages, wars and epic tales. Today we suggest trying a black pepper crusted New York Steak paired with this wine to fill the air with all that peppery goodness.

REVIEWS

[Compared to Syrah Cuvée Violette] More pepper and a hang of old world cure infiltrate the violets and the hyacinth. The lure of Umeboshi, grainy bean paste ice cream and leathery tang whiffs suppress the sweet, lingering florals and prepare the palate for what massive follows. Sweetness enters the fray, not as sugar, but as a thickening agent to balance the severe tannic grit. This needs five years minimum to settle and ten more to fully soften. Drink 2020-2030.

91 pts | Michael Godel | WineAlign.com and Godello.ca

THE DETAILS

GRAPE VARIETY:	<i>100% syrah</i>
REGION:	<i>Oliver and Osoyoos</i>
VINEYARD:	<i>Various</i>
SOIL TYPE:	<i>Varied</i>
AGE OF VINES:	<i>8 to 13 year old vines</i>
YIELD:	<i>2.7 tons/acre</i>
PRODUCTION SIZE:	<i>308 cases of 750ml, 100 cases of 375ml, 36 magnums and 12 double magnums</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>14.10%</i>
AGING:	<i>French oak barrels for 15 months, 17% new</i>

REGION	<i>Okanagan Valley</i>
TONS PER ACRE	<i>2.7</i>
GROWN	<i>South Okanagan</i>
AGING	<i>15 months in French oak barrels, 17% new</i>
PRODUCTION	<i>308 cases</i>
CLARIFICATION	<i>unfined, lightly filtered</i>
VINTAGE	<i>2013</i>
14.1% alc./vol.	750 ml