

Côte-Rôtie 2013

Wine advocate

CHATEAU DE SAINT COSME Côte Rôtie 2013 – 91 points

“The 2013 Cote Rotie comes mostly from the Cote Brune side of the appellation, yet still has a fabulous sense of elegance and purity. Chocolate, blackberry, charcoal, rose petals and violets all emerge from the glass, and on the palate it’s medium-bodied, elegant and lengthy, with fine tannin and no hard edges. It can be enjoyed today, or cellared for a decade.”

(89/91) My favorite of the 2013s, the 2013 Cote Rotie, which comes all from the northern, more schist-influenced region, offers lots of minerality to go with notes of plum, violets and olive. Medium-bodied, elegant and seamless, with good ripeness and fine tannin, it will have 10-15 years of longevity.

While Barruol's Gigondas releases get all the buzz, he makes some fine Northern Rhône's as well.

Importer(s):

The Country Vintner, 12305 N Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland, VA 23005, (804) 752-3670 ,
www.countryvintner.com

Wine spectator

ST.-COSME Côte-Rôtie 2013 – 94 points “A very enticing version, with energetic savory and bay leaf notes rippling through the core of dark plum and blackberry fruit. Lots of olive and iron accents line the finish, along with ample charcoal-edged grip. Still youthfully raw, but all the pieces are in place and the fine acidity should let the elements meld with time.”

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SAINT COSME Côte-Rôtie 2013 – 93 points

“Vivid purple. Heady, complex aromas of ripe dark berries, incense, pungent flowers and licorice develop a smoky mineral quality that gains volume as the wine opens up. Stains the palate with sweet, concentrated blackberry and cassis flavors sharpened and given spine by juicy acidity. The impressively long, focused finish emphatically echoes the floral and mineral notes and lingers with impressive, floral-dominated persistence.”