



TASTING PACK WINE #138

TASTING NOTES BY: MASTER SOMMELIER DAVID KECK

Deep purple-black core, fuchsia in the rim, heavy staining of the moderate tears. Moderate plus aromas, rose, black fruit, blackberry, black cherry, black and red plums. Leather, tar, smoked meat, pipe tobacco, peppered beef jerky, and a bit of green pepper. Touch of cardamom, star anise, and baking spices. Granitic minerality with some forest floor and dried forest floor. Full-bodied without being overly rich.

TASTING NOTES BY: F.L.X. TABLE'S MICHALIS KALAMPOUKAS

Purple core with moderate concentration, no staining and medium tears. The nose is driven by underripe red fruit and vegetal quality. Strawberry, red currant, pomegranate with hints of rose, jalapeno and tobacco. Crushed stone minerality, potting soil with a white button mushroom quality. Slight allspice and toast note indicating oak aging, but not new. Medium bodied, lean and balanced with integrated tannins, medium plus acidity and moderate alcohol.

Sweetness: Dry
Tannin: Medium Minus
Alcohol: Medium
Acid: Medium Plus
Oak:

So...
WHAT
IS IT?

old world
or new?

climate?

grape?

country?

place



WINE DETAILS:

Winery: Domaine de la Haute Olive

Cuvee: Les Clos

Grape: Cabernet Franc

Country: France

Regions: Loire - Chinon

Vintage: 2017

Alcohol: 13%

Elevage: Fermented in concrete and aged in Neutral foudre for 10 months

Winemaking: The domaine was established in 1913
And this wine comes from 40-45 year old vines with a soil that is comprised of siliceous clay covered with large flint

NOTES:

In identifying the wine the challenge here is separating pyrazine from whole cluster or stemminess from somewhere else. Without new oak, it can't fit anywhere else in the world where Cabernet Franc is classically grown. Chinon is an OG region for wines that have depth and complexity, but are still light and super drinkable.

Retail Price: \$21

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