



2005 - Domaine Puig-Parahy Carinyana 1878

Rating : (90)

Tasting:

While the label 2005 Carinyana 1878 might seem self-explanatory outside of the improbable world of Domaine Puig-Parahy, here I suppose it is worth noting that 1878 is the year in which the parcel of Carignan in question was planted, which incidentally signaled the estate's post-phylloxera revival. Mulberry, iodine, wood smoke, and toasted walnut migrate from the nose to a palate of dense concentration and remarkable brightness, but with no pretensions of polish. This is a bit like Carignan in the role of Barbera. Bitter notes of herb and scrub as well of wet stone add interest to a long and stimulating finish. I could imagine this keeping for years, but have not yet had an opportunity to test that hypothesis against any older vintages.

-David Schildknecht (The Wine advocate , June 2009)