2005 - Domaine Puig-Parahy Cotes du Roussillon Georges

Rating : ( 88)

Tasting :

I significantly underestimated Puig’s 2005 Cotes du Roussillon Georges when tasted for issue 178. On that occasion I chalked-up a hint of volatility to the nature of a “rustic” Roussillon red that, after all, retails for a mere ten dollars. In fact, the problem was the bottle. This wine brims with ripe, pure blackberry and elderberry, tinged with tar and wood smoke. Caressing in texture, its generous, sappy finishing fruit displays admirable tenacity, and my estimate of 6-9 months window for drinking appears to have been short by at least half, because the wine is still loaded with stamina!

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2007 - Domaine Puig-Parahy Cotes du Roussillon Georges

Rating : (90-91)

Tasting :

The Puig-Parahy 2007 Cotes du Roussillon Georges – a cuvee of Carignan and Grenache with a bit of Syrah, raised in tank (from which I tasted it) – smells of blackberry, wood smoke, toasted walnut, rosemary, and marjoram; offers a brightly-fruited, slightly tart and grainy palate impression, and finishes with a pungency of herb and fruit skin, a vigorous brightness, chalk and stone minerality, and sheer grip (accompanied by a faint “chew”) that can scarcely be expected from a wine destined to sell for so little. This whistle-clean beauty should remain virtually inert in tank, so that when Puig finally gets around to bottling and selling it, you will be able to count on at least a couple of years of very satisfying and versatile performance at table – not to mention amazing value

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