1945 - Domaine Puig-Parahy Rancio

Rating : (92)

Tasting :

I suppose it is difficult not to bring epic expectations to a wine bearing this vintage, but in fact the Puig-Parahy 1945 Rancio does not appear to represent one of their greatest wines. This is remarkably full of tart, astringent fresh berry notes, offering striking counterpoint to its oxidized, toasted nut and creme caramel character. There is a long, low-toned, nutty accompaniment to the pungency of berries and citrus oil in the finish, making for a handsome austerity and surprising sense of invigoration. But this lacks the interplay, dazzling complexity, or elegance of the best wines in this collection. Perhaps it should go back into barrel en masse – there are still 2,000 liters of it, says Puig!

-David Schildknecht  (The Wine advocate, June 2009)