1975 - Domaine Puig-Parahy Rancio

Rating: (95)

Tasting:

The Puig-Parahy 1975 Rancio smells and tastes of purple plum, fig, toasted nuts, and bitter-sweet chocolate, with a more robust and youthful – though correspondingly less ethereal – personality than the 1981. The oxidation here manifests itself more in deep, smoky, toasted characteristics that fold especially beautifully into the chocolaty, nutty richness, and caramelization, as well as in the wine’s combination of silkiness of texture and underlying firmness. And yet, there is a certain snap and brightness – almost like a whip’s lash – in the finish. This could serve as a memorable accompaniment to many a dessert.

-David Schildknecht (The Wine advocate, June 2009)