

LE VIEUX PIN

Syrah Cuvée Violette 2014

THE WINEMAKERS NOTES

Cuvée Violette, as the name suggests, displays the perfumed and floral side of this noble grape variety. The palate is silky smooth thanks to a gentle co-ferment with about 1% Roussanne. The focus is on the feminine and graceful qualities of Syrah coming to the foreground. Wild mountain herbs and flowers mingle with pepper and spice. Red bramble fruits burst on the nose and on the palate. While 2014 is overall an early drinking vintage, this wine can be aged for the mid-term (5-7 years). It will most likely continue to improve past that age too.

RECOMMENDED FOOD PAIRING

Duck breast with pink peppercorn sauce. Steak Diane with a flambé of crème de violette and cassis moutarde is a match made in heaven.


REVIEWS

Another excellent syrah from Languedoc trained winemaker Severine Pinte. The fruit is from estate vineyards in north Oliver and the Golden Mile. It has a lovely, dried cherry fruit nose with pepper, dried spice and some meatiness. It's medium weight, dry, peppery, very firm and youthfully tannic on the palate. Quite savoury. Very good to excellent length. Tasted February 2016.

– 90 points | David Lawrason, senior critic Wine Align

THE DETAILS

GRAPES IN BLEND:	<i>Syrah co-fermented with less than 1% Roussanne</i>
GROWN:	<i>Black Sage Bench / Dead Man Lake</i>
VINEYARD:	<i>Le Grand Pin, Crowley</i>
SOIL ORIGIN:	<i>Eolacia sediment/volcanic deposits</i>
SOIL TYPE:	<i>Sandy loam/gravel</i>
YIELD:	<i>3.4 tons/acre</i>
PRODUCTION SIZE:	<i>877 cases</i>
ALCOHOL:	<i>13.8%</i>
CLARIFICATION:	<i>Unfined, lightly filtered</i>
AGING:	<i>13 months in French oak barrels, 15% new</i>

	
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VINTAGE	<i>2014</i>
GROWN	<i>Black Sage Bench / Dead Man Lake</i>
CÉPAGE	<i>Syrah and <1% Roussanne</i>
TONS PER ACRE	<i>3.4</i>
CLARIFICATION	<i>Unfined / lightly filtered</i>
AGING	<i>13 months in French oak barrels, 15% new</i>
PRODUCTION	<i>850 cases</i>