

Les Vignerons Parisiens, AN 508 Grenache Blanc 2016 Vin de France

Score: 17.5

Named after the year Paris was declared the capital of France by Clovis. Fruit from two parcels in Visan, calcareous plateau at 300–400 m. 70% fermented in 600-litre barrels, 30% in tank. Partial malo.

Pale gold. Smells smoky and tannic. Reductive and Gauby-esque. Beautifully tannic thanks to skin contact. Dry and rich peachy apricot, very Roussillon. Powerful, deep. Struck match but underneath there's peach and pear and apricot. Shame they make so little of this. (JH)

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Vintage	2016
Appellation	Vin de France
Region	France
Country	France
Score	17.5
Colour	White
Grape Variety	Grenache Blanc
Alcohol	14.5%
When to drink	2019 - 2025
Published	12 Jul 2018
Date tasted	6 Jun 2018
Reviewer	Julia Harding MW
Price/Stockist	£24.95 RRP imported by Dreyfus Ashby

Les Vignerons Parisiens, Lutèce Viognier/Roussanne/Marsanne 2017 Vin de France

Score: 16.5

Tank sample. Named after the old name for Paris. Equal parts biodynamically farmed Viognier, Marsanne and Roussanne from Sabran. Vines 30–50 years old. Unoaked and no malo.

Peachy and almonds. Same on the palate, gentle, with a nutty/leesy freshness on the finish. Well balanced but not very long. Pear and citrus lift. Moderate length. (JH)

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Price/Stockist	£20 RRP imported by Dreyfus Ashby

Les Vignerons Parisiens, Haussmann Syrah 2015 Vin de France

Score: 16.5

Organic fruit grown at 350 m. Destemmed. One-third aged in new oak (because first vintage) of 400–500 litres.

Dark cherry red. Smoky with a slight reductive char. And a bit of oaky char. Savoury fruit combined with some sweet oak spice. Bone dry texture but paper fine, like layers of tissue. Fresh and dense yet still elegant, the oak not dominating. Not as individual as their Les Templiers Grenache, wider appeal. Well made but more boring. But will get less oak as they do more vintages. (JH)

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Vintage	2015
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Region	France
Country	France
Score	16.5
Colour	Red
Grape Variety	Syrah
Alcohol	13.5%
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Price/Stockist	£26 RRP imported by Dreyfus Ashby

Les Vignerons Parisiens, Les Templiers Grenache 2015 Vin de France

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Named after the Métro station nearest the winery. Fruit grown organically on clay-limestone at 350 m. Half aged in second-fill oak of 600 litres.

Deep cherry red. Seductively sweet cherry-fruit aroma. Silky, sexy and fresh. Elegant. Refined and not so southern Rhône. Has the shape if not the flavour of Syrah. So fresh and vibrant and shapely. Mouth-watering finish. (JH)

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Les Vignerons Parisiens, Turbigio Cinsault 2017 Vin de France

Score: 17

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Mid purple-rimmed cherry red. So vibrant on the nose: dusty, nervy red-cherry fruit with a touch of cranberry zing, small wild red berries. On the palate, still all that energy and vitality but balanced and made more serious by the fine chalky tannins. Bone dry and yet full of fruit. The juiciness of the fruit and serious firmness to the texture – a lot of paper-fine tannins that give it rocky mineral character – marry beautifully. I'd give this at least another year in bottle but I am equally sure it will age for a decade or more. Impressive length. Shows the great potential of this variety when taken seriously.
(JH)

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Mid cherry red. Wild and slighty reductive. Juicy and with lovely red fruit and orange notes. Beautiful. Fine tannins. Succulent, fresh and lifted. Smoky sweet. Finely dry texture. Has an almost herbal freshness on the palate. Delicacy and structure. Very long and captivatingly dry. It is delicious now but I know well-made Cinsault can age very well indeed – though of course I haven't tasted older vintages from this young company. (JH)

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