

Domaine Montirius Vacqueyras



2005 Vacqueyras "Garrigues"

"This is the finest cuvée I have ever tasted from this producer, who owns 80 plus acres in Vacqueyras. The dense ruby/purple-tinged 2005 Vacqueyras Garrigues is a blend of 70% Grenache and 30% Syrah. It possesses copious aromas of crème de cassis, blackberries, truffles, and charcoal, beautiful purity, a multilayered mouthfeel, and a powerful, smooth finish. Drink it over the next 8-10 years."

92 points -Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate (Issue #175)

"Dark savoury fruit, restrained but intense. Dry and firm, with plenty of spice and excellent backbone of dark peppery fruit. Long and deep."

Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com (June 24, 2008)

2006 Vacqueyras "Le Clos"

"Relatively dense ruby. Very sweet. Jewelly, lacquered somehow. There are SO many Châteauneufs that are less interesting than this ."

Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com (May 8, 2008)

*"The essence of raspberries here is even more expressive than in the 2005, accented by hints of crushed herbs (garrigue). It's not as rich or concentrated as the 2005, but features greater elegance and finesse. Drink now-2015, possibly beyond ." **Editors' Choice***

93 points -Wine Enthusiast (December, 2009)

2005 Vacqueyras "Le Clos"

"This Rhône red is dark and really packed, but also seamless, with a round, juicy texture carrying the fig sauce, black licorice, Turkish coffee and iron notes. The long finish is filled with blackberry and mineral. Best from 2009 through 2013. 2,500 cases made."

93 points-James Molesworth , The Wine Spectator (October 31, 2008)

2007 Gigondas "Terres des Aînés"

"Bright ruby. Complex bouquet of dark berries,, kirsch, mocha and licorice. Smoky minerals add bite to the cherry-cola and blackberry flavors, with dusty tannins lending clarity to the persistent finish. There's plenty going on already but I'd give this one some cellaring."

91-94 points-Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar Online (January/February 2009)

2006 Gigondas "Terres des Aînés"

"Vivid ruby. Perfumed bouquet displays fresh raspberry, cherry and garrigue scents, with a bright note of blood orange. Lively red berry flavors are braced by lipsmacking acidity, with a deeper licorice quality emerging on the brisk and very persistent finish."

91 points-Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar Online (January/February 2009)

"Transparent ruby. Very rich and well balanced – you could almost drink this already – so much there – herbs and spice and real interest."

Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com (May 8, 2008)

2005 Gigondas "Terres des Aînés"

"Deep ruby. Impressively pungent, smoky scents of red and dark berries, with a deep espresso quality adding power. Youthfully chewy in texture, with weighty dark fruit flavors and serious tannins and finishing grip. Clearly excellent material here but this is a tough read today."

91(+?) points-Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Issue #135, January, 2008)

"This has a really solid core of dark plum and macerated currant, with fig sauce and dark coffee notes. The long, fleshy finish still has some grip to shed. Grenache and Mourvèdre. Best from 2009 through 2014."

91 points-James Molesworth, The Wine Spectator (November 15, 2008)