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In the lastest issue of The Rhone Report (March 2013) the La Pèira 2010 garnered top marks among recent French releases, alongside the 2010 M. Chapoutier Ermitage Le Méal and the 2007 Château Simian Châteauneuf-du-Pape les Grandes Grenachieres d'Hippolyte. Text and reviews:

2010 La Pèira Terrasses du Larzac Red 99

Similarly styled, yet with even more purity, concentration, and delineation, the 2010 La Pèira is incredible any way you look at it and ***easily the greatest wine I've tasted from the Languedoc to date***. Comprised of 60% Syrah and 40% Grenache and aged in 60% new French oak, it possesses spectacular aromas and flavors of crème de cassis, chocolate, wild herbs, crème brûlée, and liquid flowers to go with a full-bodied, concentrated, and voluptuously styled palate that is perfectly balanced, has no hard edges, and blockbuster length on the finish. Just about as good as wine gets, with incredible freshness as well as masses of tannin that emerge on the finish, this borderline perfect wine can be consumed now, or anytime over the coming two decades. As with the Las Flors de La Pèira, I followed this bottle for multiple days and it was even more impressive on the second day. **(99 pts.)**

2010 Las Flors de La Pèira Terrasses du Larzac Red 94

The 2010 Las Flors de La Pèira is a rich, full-throttle effort that almost gushes fruit. A blend of 55% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, and 5% Cinsault that was aged in 25% new French oak, it has an inky purple color that's followed by a sweet bouquet of crème de cassis, damp earth, pepper, new leather, and chocolate-like nuances. ***Medium to full-bodied and decadent on the palate, with good acidity, a chewy, unctuous, yet seamless texture, and a great finish***, it is a powerhouse that will age effortlessly for 10-12 years, if not longer. I followed this bottle for two days and it was even fresher and more impressive on day two, so don't be afraid to give it some air if drinking anytime soon. **(94 pts.)**

2011 Les Obriers de La Pèira Terrasses du Larzac Red 91

From one of the top estates in the Languedoc, the 2011 Les Obriers is an intriguing blend of 65% Cinsault and 35% Carignan that spent 18 to 24 months in barrel prior to being bottled unfined and unfiltered. It displays ***a finesse oriented profile with notions of red and black fruits, old leather, rose petal, and background herbs carrying through the medium-bodied, seamless, and decidedly polished palate that has integrated, yet racy acidity keeping everything focused*** nicely. Turning more and more floral and elegant with air, it's a beautiful wine that will drink nicely for 4-6 years. **(91 pts.)**

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- On La Pèira -

The Sine Qua Non of the Languedoc? La Pèira en Damaisèla continues to knock it out of the park and *in my view, is the leading estate in all of the Languedoc and Roussillon*. While not shrinking violets and certainly ripe, large scaled efforts, the wines have a beautiful purity and elegance about them that keeps you coming back to the glass. I reviewed both of the 2010s here from barrel, and I was thrilled to see them show so well from bottle. In addition, the tiny production Mourvèdre blend, Matissat, is more than a little impressive. Don't miss a chance to taste it.

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The Rhone Report on the La Peira 2010

DEUSYLS DE LA PEIRA 2011

2011 Deusyls de la Pèira Vin de Pays de l'Hérault White
94

Quite possibly the top white I was able to tasted from the entire region, the 2011 Deusyls de la Pèira, a blend mainly Viognier yet with a splash of Roussanne, would give a top Condrieu a run for its money. Beautiful on the nose, with sweet apricot and peach driven fruit intermixed with flowers, butter crème, toasted nut, and spice, it flows onto the palate with thrilling richness that never seems heavy or cumbersome in the least**.** Full-bodied, voluptuously textured, and brilliantly focused and long on the finish, it is a superb white that should not be missed. **(94 pts.)**

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MATISSAT 2007,2008,2009

2009 Matissat La Pèira Terrasses du Larzac Red 96

The most complete and tasting like a mix of the '07 and '08, with the purity and freshness of the '08 and some (not all) of the richness found in the '07, the 2009 Matissat is a pure, classically built Mourvèdre that offers beautiful black raspberry and cassis styled fruit intermixed with wild herbs, tree bark, liquid flower, and blood. Full-bodied, seamless, and incredibly elegant, with perfect balance, clean, integrated acidity, and brilliant precision on the finish, it too can be consumed now or cellared for 15+ years. **(96 pts.)**

2008 Matissat La Pèira Terrasses du Larzac Red 92

More fresh and lively aromatically, with pretty berry fruit, pepper, basil, wet stone like minerality, and salty sea breeze like aromas and flavors, the 2008 Matissat is a more classic, streamlined version of the 2007. Full-bodied, beautifully fresh, focused, and pure, yet still with superb backend concentration and voluptuousness, it is a gorgeous 2008 that will drink nicely for 12-15 years. **(92 pts.)**

2007 Matissat La Pèira Terrasses du Larzac Red 94

A blend of 100% Mourvèdre that comes from the same plot as the vines for the top cuvee, La Pèira, the 2007 Matissat sports a deep purple color to go with backwards, almost brooding aromas of smoked black currants, plum sauce, violets, herbed game, hickory, and dark chocolate on the nose. Full-bodied and incredibly mineral-driven on the palate, with a saliva inducing salty, almost blood-like quality, this awesome wine has a seamless texture, fantastic concentration and extract, and a tannic, blockbuster finish that goes on for seemingly over a minute. Not your grandmother's Mourvèdre, this singular beauty needs a solid decant if drinking anytime soon and will have two decades or more of total longevity. **(94 pts.)**

MOURVÈDRE

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