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Stephen Tanzer's INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR, VINTAGE 2009  
Vins Rouges / Red Wines

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Châteauneuf-du-Pape Le Parvis**

**90-92**

Ruby-red. A hugely aromatic bouquet exudes scents of candied red berries, cola, incense and rose oil. Broad and alluringly sweet, with densely packed red berry preserve flavors that pick up spiciness with air. Open-knit and smooth, finishing with excellent sweetness and length.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Crozes-Hermitage La Matinière**

**88-90**

Bright purple. Ripe cherry and blackcurrant on the nose, with complicating notes of licorice and gingerbread. Dense and chewy, with powerful dark berry and cherry flavors that show a slightly roasted element. Becomes livelier with air and picks up a smoky quality that carries through the finish.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Crozes-Hermitage Lieu-Dit Les Pichères**

**89-91**

Dark purple. Cherry-vanilla, blackberry compote, licorice and dried flowers on the nose, with a peppery note adding vibrancy. Fleshy, sweet dark berry and cherry flavors are lifted by cracked pepper, zesty spices and a touch of juniper berry. Gains depth with air and finishes with very good clarity and notes of candied violet and fruitcake. This will be approachable soon after release.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Crozes-Ermitage Le Grand Courtil**

**90-92**

Inky ruby. Sexy aromas of blackberry, smoky herbs, potpourri and licorice, with a lively mineral undertone. Lush and creamy in texture, offering broad dark berry, floral pastille and smoky mineral flavors. Closes with a fine dusting of tannins, good snap and alluring sweetness and perfume.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Joseph La Source**

**89-91**

Vivid purple. Deep, smoky aromas of cherry pit and blackcurrant, with complicating notes of licorice and black pepper. Picks up energy with air and offers sweet red and dark fruit flavors, with zesty acidity providing focus and lift. Finishes with good clarity and mineral-driven persistence, repeating the licorice note.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Joseph Lieu-Dit Saint Joseph**

**90-92**

Glass-staining ruby. Youthful, primary aromas of dark berry and cherry compote, smoky oak spices, beef jerky and olive, with mounting spiciness. Full-bodied but surprisingly light on its feet, offering smoke-accented dark berry preserve flavors and exotic floral qualities. Dusty tannins add grip to a sweet, very long finish.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Cornas Les Grands Mûriers**

**88-90**

Opaque purple. Musky aromas of cherry-vanilla, blackcurrant, smoky oak and dark chocolate. Spicy cherry, dark berry and floral flavors provide very good palate coverage and are framed by dusty tannins. Very rich and supple in texture, with powerful finishing thrust and lingering notes of oak spice and olive. There's excellent material here, but the oak (a third of it is new) is a bit pronounced right now. It'll be interesting to check this out next year.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Cornas Lieu-Dit Patou**

**88-90**

Inky ruby. Ripe aromas of smoky dark fruits, licorice and olive. Lush, sweet and creamy in texture, with broad flavors of plum and blackberry compote. Shows a lot of deep fruit and no rough edges. This broad, fruit-driven wine finishes with slight warmth and lingering sweetness, with a blackberry note repeating.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Cornas Lieu-Dit Les Eygats**

**90-92**

Bright violet color. An intensely floral bouquet displays black and blue fruit, along with a hint of apricot and a spicy overtone. Higher-pitched and more elegant than the Patou, with a peppery nuance to its lively cassis and mulberry flavors. The finish has very good clarity, lingering sweetness and repeats the spicy note.

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**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Côte-Rôtie L'Eglantine**

**90-92**

Glass-staining purple. Highly pungent, compelling aromas of cherry-cola, black raspberry and incense, with a hint of pipe tobacco. Chewy dark fruit compote flavors are sweetened by a note of vanilla and pack a solid punch. Showing distinct floral character, with intense finishing sweetness and excellent mineral-driven persistence.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Hermitage Les Miaux**

**90-92**

Inky purple. Pungent, expansive aromas of blackberry, candied violet, Indian spices and licorice. Lush and penetrating, with sweet dark fruit flavors and a sneaky note of minerality that adds lift and clarity. The floral and spice notes resonate on a very long, smoky finish, which also features a touch of cracked pepper.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Ermitage Les Dionnieres**

**91-93**

Glass-staining ruby. Exotic, mineral-driven aromas of black cherry, blackcurrant, apricot, licorice and violet, with a touch of cracked pepper. Sweet and juicy but tight, offering flavors of dark berry compote, peppery spices and black olive. The finish has excellent length and chewy tannins that avoid coming off as dry.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Ermitage Le Meal**

**91-93**

Opaque ruby. A complex bouquet offers blackberry, cherry compote, potpourri and apricot. Deeply pitched black and blue fruits on the palate, along with suggestions of allspice and exotic fruits. Shuts down with air and shows firm tannins and strong mineral spine, suggesting that this wine will repay patience. The finish is taut and focused, with lingering notes of bitter licorice and mulberry and impressive persistence.

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Vins Blancs / White Wines

- 2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Crozes-Hermitage Blanc La Matinière** **88**  
(100% marsanne) Bright gold. Lively aromas of melon, fig and quinine, with a strong overlay of smoky minerals. Dry and chewy, with concentrated pit fruit and dried fig flavors and good tangy cut. This nervy but broad wine finishes with good clarity, a touch of warmth and lingering smokiness.
- 2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Péray Le Mialan** **88**  
(100% marsanne) Pale gold. Green apple, lemon curd, honeysuckle and minerals on the nose. Taut, tactile and focused, with spicy lift to its flavors of orchard fruits and candied flowers. A tangy, mineral-driven wine that finishes bright and clean, echoing the lemon and pear notes.
- 2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Joseph Blanc La Source** **88**  
(100% marsanne) Bright yellow. An expressive bouquet shows fresh citrus and orchard fruit aromas, with hints of beeswax and chamomile. Lively and precise, offering firm citrus zest and bitter pear skin flavors as well as a late note of floral honey. Finishes smooth and with good bite, repeating the citrus note.
- 2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Condrieu Les Mandouls** **89**  
Light gold. Orange, pit fruits and anise on the nose, with complicating notes of chamomile and honey. Juicy and pliant on entry, then nervier in the mid-palate, with fresh pear and nectarine flavors and a late floral note. The finish is sleek, with very good, citrus-accented persistence.
- 2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Hermitage Blanc Les Miaux** **90**  
(100% marsanne) Full gold. Ripe pear and honey on the nose, along with hints of melon and smoky herbs. Supple and attractively juicy orchard fruit flavors enter rich and fleshy but gain structure in the mid-palate, picking up notes of lemon curd and pear skin and showing very good clarity. Closes with expansive poached pear and floral qualities and superior intensity. This gets better with air.
- 2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Joseph Blanc Les Oliviers** **91-93**  
Greenish yellow. Very fresh, seductive aromas and flavors of orange pith, pear, crushed stone, anise and iodine. Deep, sappy and bracing, combining excellent density and silky texture with superb mineral cut. Impressively pure on the incisive, smoky finish, which shows excellent clarity. This wine reminded me of a very serious Meursault.
- 2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Ermitage Blanc Le Reverdy** **91-93**  
Bright yellow-gold. Smoke-accented aromas of pear skin, yellow plum and white flowers, with subtle vanilla and spice notes in the background. Sappy and palate-coating, with dense orchard and pit fruit flavors and an exotic hint of mango. A dusty mineral quality adds energy to a nervy, tightly focused finish, which is impressively clingy.