

FERRATON *f* PÈRE & FILS

**WINE ADVOCATE, VINTAGE 2009**

**Vins Rouges / Red Wines**

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Crozes-Hermitage La Matinière 2009 (88-90)**

The potentially outstanding 2009 Crozes-Hermitage La Matinière (100% Syrah) exhibits lots of red and black currant fruit intertwined with hints of tomato paste, licorice and pepper in a richly fruity, fresh, medium to full-bodied style. With more depth and power than most past vintages, it should drink nicely for 5-7 years.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Crozes-Hermitage Les Pichères 2009 (90-92)**

The 2009 Crozes-Hermitage Les Pichères is loaded with black currant and black cherry fruit intermixed with hints of licorice and tomato skins. Peppery, spicy and rich, it is an impressive Crozes to drink over the next decade.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Crozes-Hermitage Le Grand Courtil 2009 (91-93)**

The inky/purple-colored 2009 Crozes-Hermitage Le Grand Courtil exhibits chocolate espresso notes intermixed with crème de cassis, toast, smoke, crushed rock, tapenade and black fruits. This complex, full-bodied, rich offering is capable of lasting 10-15 years.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Joseph La Source 2009 (89-91)**

More Provencal garrigue, crushed rock, herb, earth, black cherry and black currant aromas jump from the glass of the dark ruby/purple-tinged 2009 St.-Joseph La Source. This fruity, endearing effort should be enjoyed over the next 5-6 years.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Joseph Lieu-dit Saint-Joseph 2009 (88-90)**

More fruit-forward and less complex, the 2009 St.-Joseph Lieu-Dit St.-Joseph exhibits notes of strawberry and black cherry jam intermixed with hints of granite and herbs. Enjoy it over the next 5-6 years.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Cornas Les Grands Mûriers 2009 (90-92)**

Hints of ripe figs, blackberries, blue fruits, charcoal and damp earths are present in the dark purple-hued 2009 Cornas Les Grands Mûriers. This is a classic, old style Cornas with relatively civilized tannins as well as impressive purity. Consume it over the next 10 years.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Cornas Lieu-dit Patou 2009 (88-90+)**

There is not much of it, but the 2009 Cornas Patou, from a south-facing lieu-dit, is a classic example of Cornas. It possesses quintessential Cornas characteristics of burning embers, charcoal, blackberries, pepper, roasted meats and herbs as well as a virile, masculine, full-bodied personality. The tannins are sweet and the wine is approachable, but capable of lasting 10-15 years.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Cornas Les Eygats 2009 (91-93)**

Even better is the extraordinary 2009 Cornas Les Eygats, which comes from one of the great single vineyards of the appellation. Notes of blueberry and blackberry liqueur, ink, graphite, spring flowers and pepper are followed by a dense, full-bodied, rich wine that begs for 2-3 years of cellaring. It should age effortlessly for 15 or more years.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Côte Rôtie L'Eglantine 2009 (90-92)**

Tapenade, underbrush, forest floor, pepper, lard, sweet raspberry and red currant characteristics emerge from the 2009 Cote Rotie L'Eglantine. This medium-bodied, already complex Cote Rotie should drink well for a decade.

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

**(91-93)**

One of the finest generic Hermitages produced by Ferraton in many years is the 2009 Hermitage Le Miaux. Blueberry, blackberry, cassis, licorice and camphor aromas emerge from this full-bodied effort. Additional notes of ink, graphite and a hint of wood smoke are also noticeable in this intense, rich 2009. It should drink well for 20+ years.

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

**(92-94)**

The dense purple-colored 2009 Ermitage Les Dionnières offers a big, sweet kiss of white chocolate, graphite, blueberry liqueur, black fruits, barbecue smoke and hints of crushed rocks and spring flowers. Full-bodied and dense with an extravagant level of fruit covering some relatively elevated tannins, it should drink well for 20-25 years.

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

**(93-95)**

A prodigious effort, the black/purple-hued 2009 Ermitage Le Méal boasts abundant aromas of creme de cassis, blackberry liqueur, charcoal, espresso roast and burning embers. Deep, full-bodied and meaty with super texture, remarkable thickness and unctuousness and a 60+ second finish, it is neither heavy nor overbearing. This tour de force in winemaking is well-worth a search of the marketplace. It should be drinkable in 5-10 years and last for 30 or more.

**WINE ADVOCATE, VINTAGE 2009**

**Vins Blancs / White Wines**

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Crozes-Hermitage La Matinière 2009 (88-90)**

Also dominated by Marsanne, the 2009 Crozes-Hermitage La Matiniere Blanc exhibits white currant, quince, peach and nectarine characteristics (but no evidence of wood) in its medium-bodied, fresh personality. Drink it over the next 2-3 years.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Péray Le Mialan 90**

The Marsanne-dominated 2009 St.-Peray Le Mialan possesses crisp honeysuckle, white corn, crushed rock and floral notes as well as zesty acidity and a distinctive minerality. Medium-bodied, fresh and lively, this delicious white should be enjoyed over the next several years.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Joseph Blanc La Source 2009 90**

More honeyed, with orange blossom and citrus oil notes is the 2009 St.-Joseph La Source Blanc. This richly fruity, exotic white is easy to admire. Consume it over the next 3-4 years.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Condrieu Les Mandouls 90**

Another strong effort from Ferraton is the 2009 Condrieu Les Mandouls. This 100% Viognier reveals exotic notes of lychee nuts, honeysuckle, peach and mango, good acidity, a touch of minerality and a long finish. This cuvee is aged completely in stainless steel prior to bottling.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Joseph Blanc Les Oliviers (90-93)**

Another brilliant offering is the 2009 St.-Joseph Les Oliviers Blanc, which is Ferraton's single vineyard selection of white St.-Joseph. Made from primarily Marsanne blended with a small amount of Roussanne, it offers lovely notes of citrus butter, white currants, peaches and smoky, almost Burgundy-like elements to its full-bodied mouthfeel. Drink this beauty over the next 3-4 years.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Hermitage Les Miaux Blanc 92**

The 2009 Hermitage Le Miaux Blanc contains an atypically large amount of Roussanne. It offers up abundant aromas of candle wax, rose petal, citrus oil and honeysuckle intermixed with a subtle note of peach in the background. Made in a big, full-bodied, masculine style with a hint of tannin, this large-scaled, substantial white wine should drink well for 7-8 years.

**2009 Ferraton Père & Fils Ermitage Le Reverdy Blanc (92-95)**

An equal part blend of Marsanne and Roussanne is the 2009 Ermitage Le Reverdy Blanc. The Marsanne comes from Les Beaumes and the Roussanne from Le Meal on Hermitage Hill. These two bio-dynamically run vineyards produce notes of honeysuckle, peach jam and rose petal. This unctuously textured, rich, full-bodied, intense wine will be a controversial, love it or leave it type of white. It is a completely different animal in terms of white Hermitage than one would find from Chapoutier or Chave.