

WINE ADVOCATE, VINTAGE 2013
Vins Rouges / Red Wines

Ferraton Père & Fils Ermitage Le Méal

(92-94)

Lastly, the 2013 Hermitage le Meal is the darkest colored of the Hermitage releases and exhibits smoking notes of tar and melted asphalt, crushed rock, leather and smoked dark fruits. It's a big, full-bodied, chewy effort that stays fresh, balanced and pure. It's another beautiful wine from this estate that will have 20-25 years of longevity. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Ermitage Les Dionnières

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Possessing more minerality, the 2013 Hermitage les Dionnières Estate has ample crushed rock, smoke, licorice, bouquet garni and sweet dark fruit-like aromas and flavors. A medium to full-bodied, structured Hermitage, it has solid mid-palate depth and building tannin, all suggesting it will evolve nicely. Give it 3-4 years and drink bottles through 2033. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Crozes-Hermitage Le Grand Courtil

90-92)

More serious, with lots of sappy herbs, granite-like minerality, black raspberry and violets, the 2013 Crozes Hermitage le Grand Courtil Estate is medium-bodied, firm and tight, with notable tannin and acidity. It has terrific purity, will benefit from short-term cellaring, and drink well for 10-12 years. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Côte Rôtie Lieu-Dit Montmain

(91-94)

Maybe the best vintage for this cuvee to date, the 2013 Cote Rotie Lieu Dit Montmain is deeper and richer than the l'Eglantine, with impressive black raspberry, crushed violets, potpourri and wet rock. Seamless, medium to full-bodied and beautifully textured, it should have 10-15 years of longevity. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Cornas Lieu-dit Les Eygats

(90-92)

In contrast to the Patou, the 2013 Cornas les Eygats comes from a higher elevation site and is one of the last to be harvested. It exhibits lots of floral, violets, sappy herbs and sweet black raspberries to go with a medium-bodied, seamless, elegant style on the palate. It shows the more elegant, seamless side to the appellation and can be drink anytime over the coming decade or more. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out

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Ferraton Père & Fils Cornas Lieu-dit Patou

(89-91)

From a warmer terroir and one of the first sites to be harvested, the 2013 Cornas Lieu Dit Patou exhibits notions of plum, licorice, violets and chalky minerality. Medium to full-bodied, dense and chewy, with lots of ripeness and savory tannin, it should round into form once bottled and have 10-15 years of longevity. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Joseph Lieu-dit Saint-Joseph

(92-94)

Even better than the Paradis, the 2013 Saint Joseph Lieu Dit St Joseph sports drop-dead gorgeous notes of black raspberry, creme de cassis, spring flowers and underbrush. Full-bodied, seamless and with striking elegance in its pure, balanced profile, this gorgeous looking Saint Joseph will evolve nicely for 10-15 years. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Pere et Fils St Joseph Lieu Dit Paradis

(91-93)

The single-vineyard 2013 Saint Joseph Lieu Dit Paradis is smoking good. Inky purple to the rim, it gives up outstanding notes of cassis, licorice and ground herbs to go with a medium to full-bodied, voluptuous, if not decadent, style on the palate. It has solid underlying structure as well, and will have 10-15 years or more of longevity. Worth checking out. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Crozes-Hermitage Les Pichères

(89-91)

The single-vineyard 2013 Crozes Hermitage les Picheres should be outstanding. Its inky purple color is followed by a meaty, masculine bouquet of truffle, roasted meats, wet rock and smoked black fruits. Medium+-bodied on the palate, with a tight, nicely concentrated feel, it should flesh out nicely once in bottle and have over a decade of longevity. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Hermitage Les Miaux

(90-92)

The 2013 Hermitage Cuvee des Miaux should be outstanding. Showing lots of cassis and black raspberry fruit, licorice and subtle floral qualities, it's medium to full-bodied, has integrated acidity, fine tannin and an overall elegant, silky profile on the palate. It's not blockbuster, but shines for its balance and purity. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

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Ferraton Père & Fils Côte Rôtie L'Eglantine

(88-90)

The 2013 Cote Rotie l'Eglantine is more elegant, fresh and seamless, with mid-weight notes of rose petal, violet and sweet blackberry and black raspberry fruit. It's best consumed over the coming decade. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Cornas Les Grands Mûriers

(89-91)

Readers looking for the darker side to Cornas should check out the 2013 Cornas les Grands Muriers. It's loaded with lots of chocolaty dark fruits, mineral, smoke and leather, has medium to full-bodied richness, and enough tannin to keep it drinking nicely through 2028. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Joseph La Source

(87-89)

The 2013 Saint Joseph la Source is a solid, elegant and medium-bodied 2013 that gives up lots of wild herbs, garrigue, saddle leather and black cherry and black raspberry like fruit. It's mid-weight, yet balanced, classy and easy drinking. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Crozes-Hermitage La Matinière

(87-88)

A good value, the 2013 Crozes Hermitage la Matiniere is a lively, classic Northern Rhone that gives up lots of pepper, violet and raspberry aromas and flavors, good minerality and a tight, focused, medium-bodied feel on the palate. Drink it over the coming 4-6 years. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Châteauneuf du Pape Le Parvis

(89-91)

Still in barrel, the 2013 Châteauneuf du Pape le Parvis is beautifully fruited, with a medium to full-bodied, ripe, textured feel that's hard to resist. Possessing plenty of jammy dark fruits, pepper and violet qualities, it will be ready to go on release and should be consumed in its fresh and lively youth. As with all of the efforts from this estate (and from the Chapoutier firm in general), the tannin quality is superb.

Ferraton Père & Fils Côtes-du-Rhône Samorëns

88

The 2013 Côtes du Rhône Samorens is a classic, well-made Côtes du Rhône from this firm. Showing plenty of sweet crème de cassis and black cherry before turning more savory with bouquet garni, leather and garrigue, drink this medium-bodied, nicely textured and easygoing effort over the coming 3-4 years. An estate to keep on the radar, Ferraton is run by the team at Chapoutier and the quality continues to increase here.

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Ferraton Père & Fils Ermitage Le Reverdy

96

Easily the top white in the lineup, the tiny production 2013 Hermitage Blanc le Reverdy Estate comes all from the Beaumes lieu-dit and is a blend of equal parts Marsanne and Roussanne. It's a spectacularly rich Hermitage Blanc that exhibits lots of white peach, caramelized citrus, brioche and crushed rock. Full-bodied, with a rich, layered, textured style, it stay pure, clean and classy. Feel free to drink it over the coming 3-5 years, or cellar for another 10-15 years. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Joseph Les Oliviers

91

The 2013 Saint Joseph les Oliviers Blanc is brilliant. Coming from more sedimentary soils, with granite, it offers a terrific perfume of apple blossom, stone fruits, honey and green almond. Full-bodied, textured and voluptuous, it's a rich, fruit-loaded white to drink over the coming 2-3 years. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Ermitage Le Miaux

94

Leading off the Hermitage whites, the 2013 Hermitage Blanc les Miaux (equal parts Roussanne and Marsanne aged in demi-muid) is a blockbuster that shows how good the whites are from this appellation in 2013. Almond paste, white flowers, white currants and chalky minerality all emerge from this rocking effort. Medium to full-bodied, with brilliant clarity in its aromas, flavors and integrated acidity, drink it anytime over the coming 10-15 years. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Condrieu Les Mandouls

93

We finished the tasting with the 2013 Condrieu les Mandouls, and I think it's probably the best vintage of this cuvee to date. Apple blossom, apricot, tangerine and lots of minerality all emerge from this medium to full-bodied, elegant and seamless beauty. It has classic Condrieu character and will impress for 2-3 years. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Joseph La Source

90

The 2013 Saint Joseph Blanc la Source is a smoking white. Made from 100% Marsanne, it has lots of minerality in its powdered rock, white peach, honeysuckle and white floral aromas and flavors. It's rich, medium-bodied and elegant, and best drunk over the coming 2-3 years. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

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Ferraton Père & Fils Saint-Péray Le Mialan

88

A step up over the generic Crozes, the 2013 St Peray le Mialan has solid richness, pretty tropical, tangerine and peach aromas and flavors, and bright acidity in its medium-bodied profile. It's beautifully made and should be consumed over the coming couple of years. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Crozes-Hermitage La Matinière

86

A fresh, steely white, the 2013 Crozes Hermitage Blanc la Matiniere has light citrus blossom and subtle honeyed minerality to go with medium-bodied, simple palate. It's a delicious quaffer to enjoy over the coming year or two. Falling under the Chapoutier umbrella, the quality at this tiny estate continues to soar. Readers looking for solid bang for the buck, as well as classic, textbook characters from each of the appellations, need to check out these wines.

Ferraton Père & Fils Cotes du Rhône Samorens

89

The 2013 Côtes du Rhône Samorens Blanc is impressive, with pretty citrus blossom, white flowers and salty minerality. Medium-bodied, with bright acidity and clean finish, it's borderline outstanding and worth checking out. An estate to keep on the radar, Ferraton is run by the team at Chapoutier and the quality continues to increase here. These are well-made wines that deliver a lot of bang for the buck.