

*Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes*  
*Saturday, December 1st; 2 pm to Close*  
***Domaine Sainte Rose and Wines of the Languedoc***  
*Tasting Fee: \$10*



Domaine Sainte Rose is Charles and Ruth Simpson's family owned and run boutique winery near Servian in southern France's Languedoc region. They believe that for too long better known regions of France have lived off their reputations and not their actual wines. They say that if you enjoy beautifully crafted wine but are fed up paying for history and reputation, welcome to their new tradition: really great wine, made in the old world using new world methods.

***2011 Domaine Sainte Rose Coquille d'Oc Blanc \$12.99***

This is a deliciously drinkable blend of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Muscat and Viognier. Fresh, zingy citrus fruit flavors and wonderfully peachy aromas combine with a surprisingly rich finish to make this a perfect light lunchtime white.

The Coquille d'Oc Blanc is a winner in the *Top 100 IGPs of France 2011 Award* and an *International Wine Challenge Commended Wine for 2011*.

***2011 Domaine Sainte Rose Le Marin Blanc \$17.99***

Named for a southerly wind in the Languedoc, this is a delicious white blend of Roussanne, Marsanne and Viognier. Pale Gold in color, it presents aromas of white melon, pear and sweet vanilla. Its palate shows good acidity and balance up front followed by rich, caramel flavors and a glycerol-smooth finish.

***2009 Chateau de Mattes Sabran Duc de Narbonne  
Rosé \$12.99***

A glowing, ruby in the glass with candied cherries and baking spices on the nose, this 100% Syrah rosé is dry and silky in the mouth, with flavors of red cherries, pomegranate and hints of black pepper. Located in the heart of Corbières in the village of Sigean,

Mattes-Sabran makes extraordinary wine from the hot, dry hillsides of the Languedoc's Mediterranean coast.

### ***2010 Domaine Sainte Rose Coquille d'Oc Rouge \$12.99***

Le Coquille D'Oc Red Wine is a Syrah-dominant Languedoc blend that's a deep, ruby red and shows off a raspberry jam, chocolate and rich mocha nose. On the palate the wine presents blackberry fruit, spice and pepper with round tannins and a generous finish.

*"An irresistible offer on this appealingly soft, ripe blend with its layers of blackberry and dark chocolate. Great with partridge, or with lighter pheasant dishes." -Susy Atkins, The Telegraph, September 3, 2012*

### ***2008 Domaine Sainte Rose La Garrigue \$13.99***

Wild and arid yet fragrant and delicate, the characteristic "garrigue" aroma comes from the unique landscape of France's Languedoc region. The flavors and aromas of this old vine blend of Syrah and Grenache reveal that garrigue with aromatic thyme, jammy, red fruit and spicy, black pepper. It's warm, generous and complex with a rich and ripe palate showing superb structure and length.

*"Attractive beaker of the warm south with some development and the herby insistence of a bouquet. Sweet and rich and only a tad animal. Lots of grunt here but no excess of oak or alcohol. Nicely judged." -Jancis Robinson, Purplepages, July 2011.*

### ***2009 Domaine Sainte Rose Le Pinnacle \$27.99***

Le Pinnacle or 'the pinnacle' is the highest point of the tower on the Chateau at Domaine Sainte Rose, and this superbly structured Syrah is the top of the domaine's red wine range. Made in the Cotes Rotie style of the Rhone Valley, this Syrah was co-fermented with 5% of the white grape variety Viognier. After gentle extraction and pressing, this wine spent twelve months ageing in French oak barrels.

The wine is an opaque, almost black red and offers magnificently rich plum jam and licorice aromas with hints of dark chocolate. Its palate is big and expressive with intense black fruit flavors combining with mocha and coffee for a round, smooth finish in this **2012 Decanter World Wine Awards Bronze Medal Winner!**