

Bonny Doon 2011 Le Cigare Volant normale

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Tasting Notes:

A beautiful wine-dark, mulberry color, and a first nose of dark, cool loamy earth with suggestions of raspberries, Damson plums and cherry/chocolate. On the palate, it is sleek and racy with a lively acidity, very soft tannins and great persistence. This is a wine from an extremely cool and elegant vintage, and by all experience, should be a great prospect for very long ageing and development.

Ratings:

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Vineyard Notes:

Grenache (15% from our former Ca' del Solo estate, now called Rancho Solo) adds rich black fruit flavors and a discreet spiciness. Syrah is principally sourced from Bien Nacido vineyard in Santa Maria Valley, which produces the closest analogue we have found to a Northern Rhône Syrah—tannic and meaty in the lower registers; peppery, fruitful and delicately floral in the top, all the while showing great balance and harmony. A select group of non-irrigated, centenarian Contra Costa vineyards continues to provide Mourvèdre for Cigare. A touch of Cinsault provides a very particular fragrance of flowers and aromatic herbs.

Food Pairing Notes

Lamb dishes of all sorts, Moroccan tagine, braised beef short ribs, wild mushrooms.

Production:

2,527 cases

Other Notes

Ingredients: Grapes, tartaric acid, and sulfur dioxide. In the winemaking process, the following were utilized: indigenous yeast, yeast nutrients, and French oak chips. At the time of bottling, this product contained: 55 ppm total SO₂ and 25 ppm free SO₂.