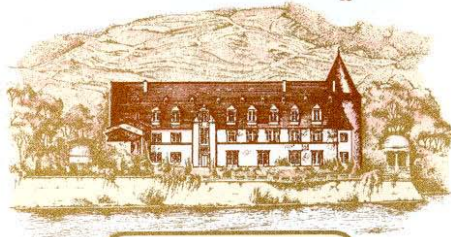


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## LA LANDONNE 2006

### **Wine Advocate #182 (April 2009) Robert Parker 96-98 pts Drink 2012-2038**

The 2006 Cote Rotie La Landonne may merit a three digit score by the time it is bottled. A dense purple color is accompanied by an extraordinary bouquet of burning embers, espresso roast, black currants, blackberry liqueur, and pain grille. With aeration, bacon fat and licorice characteristics also emerge. The sweetness of the tannin, the extraordinary intensity of the flavors, and the remarkable finish suggest this is another legendary effort from Marcel Guigal and his son, Philippe.

### **Wine Advocate #175 (Feb 2008) Robert Parker 95-98 pts Drink 2012-2038**

In keeping with the vintage character, the 2006 Cote Rotie La Landonne is the most primordial of the 2006s from Guigal. Nevertheless, it reveals a beautiful softness, charm, and up-front fruitiness. Black olives, grilled meats, charcuterie, and game vie with the creme de cassis and blackberry fruit, asphalt, charcoal, and truffle components. It needs 4-6 years of bottle age, and should drink well for 30-35 years.

### **Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Jan/Feb 10) Josh Raynolds 94-96 pts**

Saturated ruby. Smoky cassis and mulberry on the nose, with licorice and incense notes adding complexity. Impressively concentrated and energetic, offering sweet dark fruit flavors and notes of bitter cherry and violet pastille. As deep as the Turque but more expressive, with strong finishing, minerality and persistent sweetness and spiciness.

### **Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Jan/Feb 09) Josh Raynolds 96-99 pts**

Bright ruby. Expressive, highly perfumed bouquet of raspberry, blackberry, anise, botanical herbs and incense. The spicy palate displays vivid, sharply focused red fruit & floral pastille qualities. Suave, building tannins add focus to this gently chewy, almost shockingly lithe and elegant Landonne, whose finish is precise, vibrant and surreally long.

### **Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Jan/Feb 08) Josh Raynolds 96-99 pts**

Inky ruby. The knockout nose offers a surreal display of fresh red and dark berries, spiced plum, flowers, incense and cracked pepper. Impossibly deep but fresh, with vivid cherry and dark berry flavors and penetrating minerality. This looks like a stunner and stands head and shoulders over its 2006 stablemates today. Unreal.

## LA MOULINE 2006

### **Wine Advocate #182 (April 2009) Robert Parker 92-95 pts Drink 2009-2029**

The deep ruby/purple-tinged 2006 Cote Rotie La Mouline exhibits gorgeous notes of plum pudding, espresso roast, black cherry jam, and caramelized, exotic fruits. Full-bodied, fleshy, velvety-textured, and silky with superb richness as well as a sumptuous mouthfeel, this is a tour de force of hedonism and complexity. It should provide immense pleasure over the next 20+ years.

### **Wine Advocate #175 (February 2008) Robert Parker 93-95 pts Drink N/A**

A lighter, softer version of the 2005, the 2006 Cote Rotie La Mouline exhibits elegant bacon fat, black olive, asphalt, black currant, blackberry, and toasty oak nuances. Velvety textured, sumptuous, and rich, stylistically it is comparable to the 1991.

### **Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Jan/Feb 10) Josh Raynolds 94-96 pts**

Youthful ruby. Intensely floral scents of raspberry, blackberry, cinnamon, allspice and smoky minerals. Open-knit red and dark berry flavors are strikingly pure and underscored by a tangy note of blood orange. Extremely fresh wine with excellent finishing thrust and mineral-driven persistence. With air this became even more floral and picked up subtle tannins; I'd bet on it being very attractive in its youth.

### **Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Jan/Feb 09) Josh Raynolds 94-97 pts**

Saturated ruby. Energetic and pure on the nose, with sexy scents of black raspberry, rooty sassafras, mocha and baking spices. Livelier red fruits dominate the palate, with sweet cola and floral pastille qualities adding complexity. Deftly blends depth with vivacity, finishing with gentle grip and superb clarity.

## LA TURQUE 2006

### **Wine Advocate #175 (Feb 2008) Robert Parker 94-98 pts Drink 2008-2033**

The 2006 Cote Rotie La Turque displays more supple tannin, but not the density or blockbuster

richness of the 2005. Offering extraordinary charm and finesse, it is beautifully fruited, with no hard edges. Blue and black fruits intermixed with espresso roast, olives, and bacon emerge from this sexy, seductive wine. It will be drinkable young, or can be cellared for 20-25 years.

**Wine Advocate #182 (April 2009) Robert Parker 95-97 pts Drink 2010 -2030**

The exquisite 2006 Cote Rotie La Turque may or may not be as good. It exhibits exceptional aromas of bacon fat, smoked duck, soy, black currants, blackberries, and graphite. Full-bodied and dense with good acidity, outrageous concentration, and a finish that lasts over 60 seconds, this is amazing stuff!

**Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Jan/Feb 10) Josh Raynolds 93-95 pts**

Opaque ruby. Expressive, perfumed aromas of red berry and cherry preserves quickly retreated with brief aeration. Deeply concentrated dark fruit flavors slowly reveal notes of spices and candied flowers as well as chewy tannins and a late peppery quality. The finish packs a punch but is pretty undifferentiated right now. It will be interesting to see if the vivacity that this showed last year returns after bottling.

**Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Jan/Feb 09) Josh Raynolds 94-97 pts**

Ruby-red. Sexy, perfumed bouquet of cherry-cola, cassis, smoked meat, violet and minerals; this could only be syrah. Pure and sweet, with incredibly deep red berry liqueur flavors and a strong note of licorice. Bright and focused on the endless finish, with lingering mineral notes adding more energy.

## **CHATEAU D'AMPUIS 2006**

**Wine Advocate #182 (April 2009) Robert Parker 93-95 pts Drink 2009 -2029**

The 2006 Cote Rotie Chateau d'Ampuis is exquisite. A feminine, grand cru Musigny-styled effort, it possesses abundant floral scents along with hints of frying lard interwoven with creme de cassis, cherries, and spice. Round and generous with a superb texture, terrific purity, and a long, spicy finish, there is not a hard edge to be found in this brilliant Cote Rotie. It should drink effortlessly for 15-20 years.

**Wine Advocate #175 (February 2008) Robert Parker 94-96 pts Drink 2008 - 2033**

The most expressive bouquet emerges from the 2006 Cote Rotie Chateau d'Ampuis. It boasts a dense purple color along with huge, exuberant aromatics that are more projected and evolved than the 2005s. The wine has fabulous stuffing, no hard edges, and a seamless integration of acidity, wood, tannin, and alcohol. It compares favorably with some of the utterly profound 1991 Cote Roties. It should drink well young, yet age gracefully for 20-25 years.

**Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Jan/Feb 10) Josh Raynolds 92-94 pts**

Bright ruby. Powerful, mineral-dominated aromas of black raspberry, cherry preserves and fresh flowers. Fleshy, palate-staining red and dark berry flavors are energized by tangy minerals, gaining sweetness with air. The very persistent finish repeats the red berry notes and leaves mouthwatering minerality behind. This wine's precision and energy are impressive.

## **ERMITAGE EX VOTO BLANC 2007**

**Wine Advocate #182 (April 2009) Robert Parker 92-94 pts Drink N/A**

As I mentioned above, Guigal is not sure if he will offer a Hermitage Ex-Voto blanc in 2007. The barrel samples I tasted revealed a honeyed ripeness, spicy new oak, and outstanding concentration, but at this stage, it appears this wine will never achieve the high quality of the 2005, 2003, or 2001, much less the 2006.

## **ERMITAGE EX VOTO ROUGE 2006**

**Wine Advocate #182 (April 2009) Robert Parker 93-95+ pts Drink 2009-2039**

The 2006 Hermitage Ex-Voto is slightly denser, revealing gorgeous aromas of black raspberries, black currants, graphite, herbs, and truffles. Elegant yet substantial in size, well-textured, and long, this superb wine should age effortlessly for 25-30 years.

**Wine Advocate #175 (February 2008) Robert Parker 95-98 pts Drink 2013 - 2043**

The 2006 Hermitage Ex-Voto exhibits more evolved, complex aromas, but not the density or power of the 2005. No wimpy wine, it exhibits fabulous concentration, but more acidity rather than tannins holding it together. Possessing a seamless integration of all its component parts, this gorgeous wine should come into its own in 5-6 years, and last for 25-35

## **ST JOSEPH VIGNES DES HOSPICES ROUGE 2007**

**Wine Advocate #182 (April 2009) Robert Parker 90-94 pts Drink 2009-2019**

The dense 2007 St.-Joseph Vignes de l'Hospice reveals notions of black olives, flowers, black currants, graphite, smoke, and spice. Tannic, medium-bodied, and elegant, with lower acids than its 2007 siblings, it should drink well for 10 years.

**Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar (Jan/Feb 10) Josh Raynolds 91-93 pts**

Dark purple color. Pungent aromas of blackberry, blueberry, violet and black cardamom, with a smoky overtone. Lush, creamy dark berry preserve flavors are framed by velvety tannins that are quickly absorbed by the sweet fruit. The finish shows very good freshness and clarity and leaves sweet dark fruits and spices behind. This will drink well young.