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VINTAGES 2008 - 2010

CÔTE À CÔTE 2009

TASTING DATE 10/11/2011

RATING **95**

A wonderful purity of dark fruits such as raspberries, blackberries and strawberries with a touch of minerals. Full and very racy with super refined tannins and a long finish. This is super classy. Wonderful texture. Better to try in 2013. 42% Grenache, 33% Syrah, 25% Mourvedre.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2009

TASTING DATE 10/11/2011

RATING **90**

Intense aromas of licorice, violets and dark fruits. Full and silky with a lovely balance of fruit. 91% Cabernet Sauvignon and 9% Petit Verdot. Better in 2013.

2008 VINTAGE

ESTATE CUVÉE 2008

TASTING DATE 10/02/2010

RATING **94**

This is rich and very long with a solid core of fruit that starts off sort of linear but opens and gives it all. Full and velvety textured with ripe tannins and violet, berry, and spice with hints flowers. Long and racy. Classy. 40% Grenache, 40% Syrah and 20% Mourvedre. Why wait?

CÔTE À CÔTE 2008

TASTING DATE 10/02/2010

RATING **92**

This is full-bodied, with loads of spicy, chocolate and meaty character. A mouthful, but freshness too. Loads going on. Very supple and voluptuous. Ready and long. 40% Grenache, 40% Syrah, and 20% Mourvedre. Drink now or hold.

2010 VINTAGE

ROUSSANNE 2010

TASTING DATE 10/03/2012

RATING **91**

It's actually 87% Roussanne and 13% Grenache Blanc. This is racy with minerals and dried pineapple. Chateauneuf blanc. Full yet balanced and bright. Minerals. Very long and intense. Bright and lively. Drink now. 250 cases, and this year none because of frost.

ESTATE CUVÉE 2010

TASTING DATE 10/03/2012

RATING **92**

This is holding on, with a lifted nose of green olives and currants, as well as some cedar and other wood. Green coffee beans, too. Full and layered. Goes to light currant jam. A little old-school. 42% syrah, 42% cabernet sauvignon and 16% petit verdot. Drink or hold.

2009 VINTAGE

ESTATE CUVÉE 2009

TASTING DATE 10/11/2011

RATING **96**

This seems so Pauillac in structure with the firm tannins and minerals and intensity. Full-bodied, with gorgeous fruit and currants and minerals. Light toasted oak. Intense and powerful. This is a wine this is so muscular. Fabulous. Best in five years.

OPTIMUS 2009

TASTING DATE 10/11/2011

RATING **92**

A gorgeous and generous red. Very silky and rich with a lovely texture of ripe, polished tannins and plenty of dark fruits and milk chocolate. Full and refined. Drink now or hold.