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INSPIRACIÓN 2019

TASTING DATE 10/05/2021

RATING **94**

Black olives and sweet blackberries and boysenberries. Full-bodied, yet fluid and flavorful. It's like black chocolate with fruit inside. Fresh and clean. Co-fermented. 38% grenache, 30% cabernet sauvignon, 28% syrah and 4% grenache blanc. Drink or hold.

FOR HER 2019

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RATING **94**

The purity of fruit is wonderful, offering blackberries and just hints of vanilla. Medium-bodied with creamy, velvety tannins and a juicy finish. Aromatic and alluring. A blend of 56% syrah, 32% graciano and 12% viognier. Drink now or hold.

CHLOÉ 2019

TASTING DATE 10/05/2021

RATING **96**

This is very fine-tanned with blackberries, stone, black chocolate and walnuts. Full-bodied, yet creamy, with medium, velvety tannins and a dark-fruited finish. Lovely texture. 69% syrah, 23% grenache and 8% viognier. Drinkable now, but better in a year or three.

OPTIMUS 2019

TASTING DATE 10/05/2021

RATING **96**

Extremely aromatic with ripe cherry and berry aromas, as well as flowers and citrus. Medium to full body with fine, polished tannins and a long, caressing finish. This is really well done and one of the most balanced L'Aventures I have encountered. Syrah, cabernet sauvignon and petit verdot. Drinkable now, but better in two or three years.

ESTATE CUVÉE 2019

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RATING **94**

The pure currant and blackberry aromas are so bright and vivid. Very aromatic. Lots of pure fruit. It's full-bodied with tension and focus, because the tannins are fine-grained and give form and energy to the wine. They are very long already. I think three or four years will really bring this red into its own. Blend of syrah, cabernet sauvignon and petit verdot. Try after 2024, but hard to not drink now.

CÔTE À CÔTE 2019

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RATING **96**

Blackberry, clove, walnut and blueberry aromas follow through to a full-bodied palate with a solid core of fruit that is framed by toned tannins that together give length and presence. Grenache, syrah and mourvedre. One-third of each. Better after 2025.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2019

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RATING **97**

Lots of black ink, blueberries, blackberries and pine needles on the nose. Full-bodied and creamy with loads of fruit and velvety tannins. Pure fruit. This is very solid. Round tannins with a fresh undertone. 95% cabernet sauvignon and 5% petite verdot. This needs three to five years of softening. Try after 2027.