

Château Coupe Roses Minervois



Minervois Orience 2018

Orience is Château Coupe-Roses' other top of the line bottling, and it is the mirror image of the Granaxa bottling, being composed from a blend of ninety percent syrah and ten percent grenache. These syrah vines are again among the highest elevation that the family own, planted on clay and limestone, and the wine is raised in smaller barrels, with one-third of them new each year. The grapes are hand-picked, fermented with indigenous yeasts and aged in cask, prior to bottling without fining or filtration. The 2018 Orience comes in again at 13.5 percent alcohol and offers up a deep and refined aromatic constellation of cassis, black raspberry, pepper, roasted meats, coffee bean, chalky soil tones, a touch of cedary new oak and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is deep, pure, full and chewy, with a superb core, lovely transparency and grip, fine-grained tannins and a long, complex and beautifully balanced finish. This is very classy juice! 2029-2060.

93 pts– John Gilman, View from the Cellar, July-August 2022