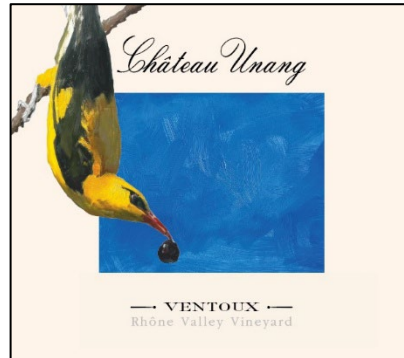


Château Unang Ventoux



Ventoux 2021

The 2021 Ventoux Rouge from Château Unang comes with a new, stylish label that had me searching for a bit in the fine print to see which new cuvée this happened to be, but it is just a lovely label upgrade. The wine is made from its customary blend of sixty-five percent grenache, thirty percent syrah and five percent cinsault, with the vines facing east on the limestone hillsides of higher elevation Ventoux. The 2021 vintage tips the scales at 14.5 percent octane and offers up a beautifully complex bouquet of black raspberries, a hint of fruitcake, hung game, pepper, gentle notes of garrigue, chalky minerality and plenty of upper register smokiness. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, complex and soil-driven, with an excellent core of fruit, moderate tannins, tangy acids and just a bit of backend heat currently poking out on the finish. This carries its alcohol quite well and will be an excellent drink in a few years, once it has a chance to soften up its backend tannins just a bit more. 2028-2045.

90 pts- John Gilman, View from the Cellar, September-October 2025

This unique red beautifully channels its terroir. Black licorice, juicy cherry and wild garrigue flavors are refined and energetic on the palate, with dusty earth, menthol and white pepper notes echoing on the generous, focused, graphite-rich finish.

90 pts- Wine Spectator, December 2024

Full bottle 1,308 g. Certified organic (Ecocert). Bottled in June, not yet released. Grenache with some Syrah and Cinsault from east-facing vineyards at 300 m on sandy soils over limestone subsoils. Hand-picked. Cool stainless-steel fermentation, no oak.

Cool red fruit that really does taste (and feel!) as if it comes off a mountain. Cherry sweetness, fluently juicy, with tannins that stride wide and free like an energetic, strong hiker heading up the hills into a bracing wind with heart pumping and muscles full of life. A little herbal and tea-leaf bitterness on the finish. Just exactly what you want Ventoux to taste like.

17 pts- Tamlyn Currin, Jancis Robinson, October 2023