

# IWFS OAKVILLE

March 10th, 2015

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## TONIGHT'S WINES

reviews and information



### M. CHAPOUTIER TOURNON MATHILDA 2013

VINTAGES 401398 | 750 mL bottle  
Price \$ 19.95

Made in: Victoria, Australia  
By: M. Chaptoutier S.A.  
Release Date: Mar 7, 2015

14.5% Alcohol/Vol.  
Style: Aromatic & Flavourful  
Varietal: White Blend

Description  
This blend of 85% Viognier and 15% Marsanne represents a fine value from a renowned producer.

Tasting Note

Deliciously aromatic and flavoursome. Textural too. Value screams out at you. Yellow stonefruit, fennel, various herbs and spices. Starts well and maintains the quality all the way through to a satisfying finish. Some alcohol warmth but, as they say in the classics, I think it gets away with it. Drink: 2014-2016. Score - 91. (Campbell Mattinson, winefront.com.au, Aug. 26, 2014)

Although not specified on the label this is either wholly or in very large part made from viognier, the only white to my knowledge in this Rhone producer's Australian portfolio. It makes sense as viognier too is a Rhone varietal. This is an intense, quite powerful white that rings with authenticity.

David Lawrason

Stacks a rich parfait of spicy pear and grapefruit flavors over lively acidity, stretching the structure into a supple wrapping. Impressive for the purity and precision of the flavors. Viognier and Marsanne. Drink now through 2020. 91

Points Wine Spectator #98

2/8/2015 - CAMERON SUMPTER LIKES THIS WINE: 89 Points  
Very floral on the nose with a refined citrus core. Fresh and crisp, balanced and smooth.

10/31/2014 - REZY13 WROTE:

Bright steely grey green; fainter nose but it reveals white flowers, sweet green fruit, tropical, kiwi, almost banana; fatter and richer palate, exotic, slight waxy texture, lit match, melon; similar in style to Belleruche Blanc; good.

8/30/2014 - MIKE KOPANSKI WROTE: 89 Points

Saturday Tasting at The Gourmet Shop, Columbia, SC

8/30/2014 (The Gourmet Shop, Columbia, SC): A really intense and vibrant mouth full of "New World" fruit. 85% Viognier and 15% Marsanne from someone who knows these varietals like the back of his hand. The color is greenish golden. The nose is more herbal, and less like typical Viognier than you would expect. There are plenty of floral aromas, but also some minerals and lime. The palate has the lifted mouth feel of Viognier with lots of fresh orchard fruit, but also has a very interesting nutty contribution from the Marsanne. Boldly acidic in a lemon/lime style. Flirting with the 90 point "glass ceiling"

Tasting Note:

Greenish yellow in appearance. Aromatic nose of fresh green apples, apricot blossom and honeysuckle. Quite delicate and

elegant; assertive Voignier-led palate of apricot kernel and candied apple. Moves to savoury on the mid-palate. Moderate length.

Score: 16/20

<http://penguinpalate.blogspot.ca>

## CUVEE MARIE-JUSTINE CHINON 2013 CAB FRANC VAL DE LOIRE YEAR: 2012



2013 - Graves

Cabernet Franc also called "Breton"

Cold stabilization on the lees, cold fermentation about 3 weeks.

100% in stainless steel tanks, on lees. 12.5%

2-3 years

WINERY

The Domaine du Roncée cultivates 55 hectares of vines spread over the right bank of the Vienne river, in the heart of the Chinon

appellation. The vines are planted in

the grounds which have gone around the ancient Castle of Roncée, which was unfortunately destroyed during the French Revolution. Today you can only see some moats and a beautiful dovecot dating from the 12th century. In the 15th century, each plot of vines was enclosed by walls to form "clos". 95% of the vines are cabernet franc, also called "Breton", with some Cabernet Sauvignon. The main soils are composed of gravelly soil - from recent alluvial deposits of the Vienne river - or clayey gravelly soil from the alluvial deposits of the former river banks.

This wine is baptized on behalf of the daughters of Christophe Baudry, Mary and Justine. We selected on all our properties, the most suitable area for the production of this fresh and fruity rosé. It is obtained mainly by direct pressing completed some bloodletting of our best tanks. 100% fresh Sauvignon Rosé intense nose of exotic fruit supported peach and citrus notes. A wine to drink in the heart of summer, ideal to accompany spicy dishes

<http://www.baudry-dutour.fr>

Baudry-Dutour "Cuvee Marie Justine" Chinon 2013, Val de Loire. 12.5 % alc. 100% cabernet franc. Very pale onion skin hue; delicate and slightly dusty hints of strawberries and red currants; notes of dried herbs and spice, just a touch of a floral component, violets or lilacs; crisp and lively acidity, an animated element of limestone minerality; cool, clean and refreshing but revealing a scant bit of loamy earthiness on the finish. beautifully knit. Very Good+. About \$20, my purchase.

William Harrison Imports, Manassas, Va.

### TASTING NOTES

Salmon-hued colour, intense nose of exotic fruits with aromas of peach and citrus. In the mouth the wine is dry but exhibits very good fruit concentration. Crisp and refreshing yet complex, this rose serves to elevate the experience of white wine drinkers and to convince red wine drinkers that they should expand their horizons!

## CUVEE MARIE-JUSTINE CHINON 2013 CAB FRANC VAL DE LOIRE YEAR: 2012



Aged 12 months in oak barrels, 30% of which were new French oak

Cabernet Sauvignon (90%), Malbec (6%) and Merlot (4%)

Ray's Station is an interesting wine, and it is a wine that year in and year out delivers quality at a very affordable price. Vintage Wine Estates, who also own wineries such as Clos Pegase and Girard, produces this wine, and as such the winemaking here is exceptional. I am always happy to see wines from this venerable producer as I know there will be great value and style.

Mendocino County is a place where wine has been produced since the earliest days of settlement in California, often by Italian and other European immigrants who planted wines they were familiar with from "home". The wines from this

region tend to be more fruit forward as the climate is warmer, at least for vineyards located inland from the coast. The style of many wines from this region, therefore, are more fruit forward and generous with the dark, rich tannins. The other great thing about Mendocino wines, is that you don't have to pay the premium for a prestigious address such as Napa, and the wines often deliver quality well above comparably priced from other regions.

Like many California Cabs, this wine is a blend of grapes, including Cabernet Sauvignon (90%), Malbec (6%) and Merlot (4%). The Cabernet creates the structure and backbone for this wine, while the Malbec and Merlot round out the blend by softening the Cabernet and adding more red fruit aromas to the flavors. The extended oak aging also builds complexity in flavors by adding a touch of vanilla and spice, but also softens the edges, adding to the smooth drinkability.

What I like about this wine: Generous black fruit aromas; smooth and supple style on the palate that delivers rich, mouth-filling flavors; smooth and lingering finish. This wine can be had for a great price – usually around \$15. I have this on a couple of the wine list programs I manage and we sell it by the glass, where it is very well received.

<http://vintagebeverageworks.com/>

### Ray's Station

In 1859, former Army Captain and Bear Flag rebel John G. Ray ventured bravely to the mountains of what is now Northern California's wine country. He opened Ray's Station along the northern stage coach route, developing a reputation for his rustic hospitality, flowing libations and becoming one the areas first winegrowers. Ray's Station wines are a tribute to the intrepid, pioneering spirit of John G. Ray and his unique brand of rugged individualism and rustic hospitality.

Open daily from 10am-5pm, Ray's Station Tasting Room is located in downtown Hopland at 13275 Highway 101. Sourcing varietals predominantly from Mendocino and North Coast appellations, the winery offers a selection of sparkling, white, rosé and red wines. Ray's Station will also release their inaugural Coro Mendocino in June, marking their commitment to excellence in wine production. The tasting room welcomes visitors and looks forward to introducing Ray's Station to all wine enthusiasts.

Winemaker, Michael Westrick, comes to Ray's Station from an accomplished background with wineries such as Sterling Vineyards in Napa and Stonestreet and Grove Street