

Clairette de Bellegarde

Mas Carlot



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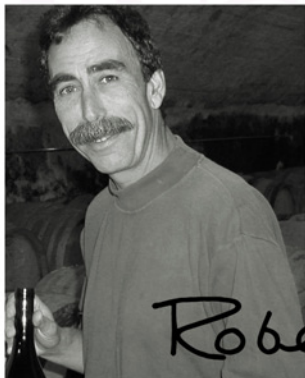
NATHALIE BLANC-MARÈS PROPRIÉTAIRE RÉCOLTANTE
MAS CARLOT G.E.A. F.30127 BELLEGARDE



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Other Wines by this Domaine

Cabernet-Syrah (2006)
Cabernet-Syrah (2005)
Cabernet/Syrah (2007)
Clairette de Bellegarde (2007)
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Clairette de Bellegarde (2009)
Marsanne/Roussanne (2007)



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Domaine: Mas Carlot
Producer: Nathalie Blanc-Marès <http://www.mascarlot.com>
Vintage: 2006
Variety: 100% Clairette
Country: France
Region: Costières de Nîmes

Background

In the old Provençal dialect, "Mas" means farm, and Nathalie Blanc-Marès is beautifully managing this 75 hectares farm with the aid of her husband Cyril Marès, owner of the neighboring property Mas des Bressades (yes, she married the boy-next-door). They are a great Provençal family - young and energetic with great vision and talent.

Mas Carlot has 20 hectares planted to white varieties. The Clairette de Bellegarde is older than the appellation of Costières de Nîmes. It was created in 1952 and is planted exclusively with Clairette. Clairette is one of the main grapes for Châteauneuf-du-Pape. This cuvée is produced from vines planted in 1946 and harvested at 25 hl/h or about 1 ½ tons per acre. This wine is vinified in stainless steel which allows the wine to remain fresh and aged sur lie in tank after fermentation. The wine is rich on the palate and displays bright orchard fruit with hints of white pepper on the finish.

Review

90The Wine Advocate #178 - Robert Parker
"The 2006 Clairette de Bellegarde was fermented in cold temperatures and aged in tank, with no make-up whatsoever. A superb example of Clairette, it will not keep for more than a year or so, but if drunk over the next 12 months, it will offer beautiful white citrus and honeyed pear characteristics as well as lively, vibrant acidity and freshness. It is an amazing "little" wine.

This excellent estate in the Costieres de Nimes continues to turn out some superb bargain-priced wines that consumers should seek out for relief from increasingly higher prices as well as the weak dollar. The 2006 red wines all reveal zesty acidity, beautiful pure fruit, perhaps not the structure of the 2005s, but they are more friendly."

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