



# LES CLANS

CÔTES DE PROVENCE 2020

Grapes are selected from vines that grow from parcels of superior quality. The best quality lots bearing old vines consisting primarily of Grenache, Vermentino and Syrah. Harvesting at sunrise to noon. Optical grape sorting. Destemming and slight crushing at 7-8°C to avoid oxidation. 90% free run juice. 10% first slight pressing. No maceration. Alcoholic fermentation in new and second year demi-muids (600 L barrels). 10 months burgundian style «Bâtonnage» twice weekly. Individual barrel temperature control.

**JAMES SUCKLING.COM**

94/100

*Very perfumed with sliced strawberry, crushed stone, cement and some dried flowers. Medium body and a fine, linear palate with licorice and slate. Complex and subtle. Tight, lingering finish with peaches and cream. Drink or hold.*

**matthewjukes**

19/20

*It has been fascinating watching Les Clans find its rightful place in the small but perfectly formed pantheon of truly great rosé wines. For the first few vintages of this wine's release, it had to put up with being Garrus's less interesting and slightly lighter sibling. But while Garrus received all of the accolades and some perfect scores (from me!), Les Clans never complained. More recently, I have documented in detail Les Clans own character slowly forming and, in the last few vintages, blossoming into a vital individual in this tremendous estate's portfolio. Last year's 2019 was a triumphant wine, sultry, sexy, detailed, sophisticated, alluring, forward-drinking and yet blessed with every bit as much glamour and couture as its more structured and more age-worthy, headline-grabbing stablemate, Garrus. In 2020, Les Clans went one step further. It has now introduced even more depth of flavour and length on the finish. You will no doubt be familiar with just how incredible Whispering Angel and Rock Angel are in 2020. Les Clans takes Rock Angel's impact and bravado and then elevates this impressive delivery of flavour to an otherworldly level of excitement. This wine is near perfect in its perfume and also its palate complexity but it is the approachability, given its breeding, which makes this the most astounding Les Clans to date. Drink now to 2024.*



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*Fruity and notes of vanilla. The structure is much more dominant than the fruit. Drier and more austere on the finish than Château d'Esclans. Fruit and structure not yet completely melded at the moment.*

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THE SUNDAY TIMES**

*Increased competition in France has encouraged everyone to up their game. Great wines like Les Clans, from a top estate in Château d'Esclans, with exacting winemaking including barrel fermentation and maturation, smack more of a grand white burgundy domaine than a pink producer and, unlike others, can age gracefully. Dreamy pink with wood-smoke, vanilla pod and tobacco leaf-perfumed fruit.*

**Jane MacQuitty**