



## Whispering Angel

CÔTES DE PROVENCE 2022

GRAPES GROWN FROM SOME OF THE MOST CHOICE LAND IN THE SURROUNDING REGION OF LA MOTTE EN PROVENCE, CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF GRENACHE, CINSULT AND VERMENTINO. HARVESTING AT SUNRISE TO NOON. THE GRAPES WHICH ARE USED TO MAKE WHISPERING ANGEL ARE SORTED OPTICALLY. DESTEMMING AND SLIGHT CRUSHING AT 7-8°C TO AVOID OXIDATION. BOTH THE FREE RUN JUICE AND PRESSED JUICES ARE VINIFIED IN STAINLESS STEEL. "BATÔNNAGE" IS TWICE WEEKLY. TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED.

matthewjukes

18+/20

So with the world waiting with an ice bucket and glass in hand, how good is the first taste of 2022 Whispering Angel? I am relieved to report that the unbroken run of excellence is still intact, but there is more. This is the first vintage of Whippy that actually seems actively youthful and taut. While it normally hits the ground running, with pliable fruit and welcoming freshness, this crisp, expressive wine is firm, tense, energetic, and utterly ravishing. The rose petal nose, melon flesh silkiness, and grapefruit acidity are all in place, and they are layered, glisteningly attractive, and immediately impressive, but this 2022 vintage is different from previous vintages because it nips in on the finish promising more drama as it relaxes and billows over the next six months. So, take it from me, that while this is already a cracker, I know that come May, right on cue, it will have even more glamour and allure on the nose, palate, and finish! This is the very first time I have added a '+' to my score below because this is the symbol I use, across all of my wine writing, to indicate that a wine will improve and evolve with age! Who would have thought that Whispering Angel would be such a wine?

TOM CANNAN'S  
WINE-PAGES.COM

91/100

I was thinking the other day that Whispering Angel is a phenomenon cut from very similar cloth to Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc. Both wines are pristine, beautifully made examples of their style, but it is perhaps surprising that these prestige bottlings are in such demand by 'ordinary' consumers, even though they sell for well above the UK average wine price of little more than £6. Both wines have captured the consumers' imagination, and each new release is eagerly anticipated. This 2022 is hitting retailer shelves at time of writing. It is the usual blend of Grenache, Cinsault and Rolle, made in stainless steel from a very careful selection of fruit. Such a delicate perfume: rose-hip and pot-pourri, fresh red berries, juiciness of watermelon. On the palate it is dry and refined, the red berries hint at tartness to make the mouth water, the wine finishing with shimmering, elegant acidity.

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

91/100

Pale apricot color with aromas of pomegranates, grapefruit, rosemary, lavender and peaches. Fresh and delicate, yet fragrant and flavorful, with a medium body and bright acidity. Lovely fresh pink fruit. Drink and enjoy.

THE IRISH NEWS

Whispering Angel is "In a word: ethereal. This blushing beauty may be the poster girl for Provencal pinks, and it is the standard-bearer that nails it every time. Perhaps it's the exquisite bouquet of summer fruits with hints of rose petals, or flavours of fleshy white peach which unfold on the rounded palate. Whichever way you look at it, the silky long finish feels pure, fluid and softly refreshing" - Sam Wylie Harris



Reveals aromas of peach, grapefruit, lemon, red berries and spices. Light to medium-bodied, elegant and fresh, tense and juicy, it's pure and clean with a mouthwatering, elegant finish. Yohan Castaing