

**2013 Domaine Grand Nicolet Rasteau Vieilles Vignes**

One of the better wines in the vintage, the 2013 Rasteau Vieilles Vignes offers solid depth and richness in its peppery, black raspberry and bouquet garni-like perfume. Medium to full-bodied, charming and supple, it lacks a touch of mid-palate density, yet is downright gulpable. Made from 50% Grenache, 35% Syrah and 15% Mourvèdre, I wouldn't be surprised to see it gain a touch more richness with a year in bottle. It should have upwards of a decade of overall longevity.

This is another go-to estate that fashions terrific wines year in, year out. Located in Rasteau, the wines are made by Jean-Pierre Bertrand, with consulting advice from Philippe Cambie.

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- Jeb Dunnuck (March, 2016)