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Chateau La Grange Cochard

Morgon (Beaujolais)

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All of their vineyards are located very close to their winery and chateau and their vineyards are all farmed organically (not certified). For vinification after hand picking into small cases and careful sorting the vinifications are made in a classic way with ferments taking place in cement tanks and then ageing in a mixture of foudres and barrels keeping the wine on lees until bottling around 9-12 months after harvest. These are wines of purity and generosity evident from very old vines. The wines demand some time to show their best (as most top Morgon wines do).



2013 Morgon vieilles vignes

“The 2013 Morgon “Vieilles Vignes” from Château Grange Cochard is an excellent example of the vintage, but it is a wine that really deserves a bit of bottle age to fully blossom before starting to drink it with wild abandon. The pure and very classy nose offers up a nascently complex mélange of black cherries, cassis, espresso, dark soil tones, a bit of bonfire, fresh thyme and a very discreet touch of spicy wood. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and potentially quite sappy at the core, with a bit of ripe tannin, good acids and lovely soil signature on the long, complex and nicely structured finish. Like the 2013 Côte du Py, this will want a couple of years’ worth of bottle age to blossom, but it too will be excellent when it is ready to drink. 2017-2040+. 93.” John Gilman - View from the Cellar July 2015

2013 Morgon Les Charmes

“The 2013 Morgon “les Charmes” from Château Grange Cochard is a beautiful bottle of Morgon that is already quite accessible, but with the underlying chassis of structure to also age long and gracefully. The pure and sappy nose offers up scents of black cherries, granite, woodsmoke, a bit of espresso, fresh thyme and a hint of cedar. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and rock solid at the core, with excellent soil inflection, a bit of firm tannin, tangy acids and outstanding length and grip on the complex and very classic finish. Fine, fine Morgon. 2015-2040+.” John Gilman - July 2015

2013 Morgon Cote du Py

“Sarah and James Wilding have done marvelous things at Château Grange Cochard since they purchased the estate in 2008, and their 2013s are clearly the finest wines I have yet tasted from this fine husband and wife team. The 2013 Côte du Py, which hails from old vines at the very pinnacle of the vineyard, is flat out stunning, soaring from the glass in a blaze of black cherries, pomegranate, superb minerality, a touch of youthful pepper, bitter chocolate and a smoky top-note. On the palate the wine is deep, pure and nicely structured, with a rock solid core, great transparency, tangy acids, moderate tannins and great length and grip on the youthful and very, very promising finish. A classic bottle of Côte du Py in the making, all this wine needs is a bit of bottle age to really start hitting on all cylinders. 2017-2040+. 93.” John Gilman - View from the Cellar July 2015

“For this report, I tasted, for the first time, some pretty miraculously complete and well-made 2012 wines from Château Grange Cochard in Morgon.” John Gilman (View from the Cellar)



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2012 Morgon vieilles vignes - Produced from 40-70 yo goblet pruned vines grown on decomposed pink granitic schist on a south to south-east exposure and made from low yields of close to 35 hl/ha in 2012. Winemaking is traditional with vinification and ageing in vats with the wine being aged in large old foudres. *“Château Grange Cochard has only been in the hands of the Wilding family since 2008, but it has quickly become one of the stars in Villié-Morgon, and the 2012s are far superior to several more famous names in the village in this difficult year. The Vieilles Vignes bottling at Grange Cochard hails from a couple of parcels of fifty-plus year-old vines that lies outside of the Côte du Py, and the 2012 is an impressively ripe and sappy example of the vintage. The bouquet is a vibrant and classy blend of black cherries, pomegranate, fresh thyme, nutskins, beautiful soil tones and a bit of cardamom in the upper register. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, pure and complex, with superb mid-palate concentration, just a touch of velvety tannin and a very long, seamless and complex finish. This is a revelation for the vintage without a bit of greenness! 2014-2025.”* John Gilman - View from the Cellar Sept 2014

2012 Morgon Cote du Py - Made from 1.5ha of low yielding 40-70 yo vines on granitic blue schist on the famed Cote du Py of Morgon. *“The 2012 Morgon “Côte du Py from Château Grange Cochard is also outstanding, wafting from the glass in a deep and sappy aromatic constellation of red plums, black cherries, woodsmoke, gamebird, dark soil tones, thyme and a delicate top-note of Indian spices. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, complex and shows off a lovely core of fruit, with fine soil signature, a touch of tannin and very good length and grip on the focussed finish. **Another transcendental example of the 2012 vintage**, but this year, I have to give a very, very slight nod to the estate’s Vieilles Vignes bottling. 2014-2025.”* John Gilman - View from the Cellar Sept 2014

2011 Morgon Cotes du Py - SOLD OUT *“The 2011 Morgon “Côte du Py” From Château Grange Cochard is starting to drink well at age five, but **this remains a fairly young example of this superb vintage and this bottling will have no difficulty cruising along for another thirty years or more.** The bouquet is deep, sappy and starting to show a lovely balsamic tone in its beautiful blend of red and black cherries, pomegranate, dark, stony soil, balsamic notes, gamebird, just a whisper of cedar and smokiness in the distance. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a sappy core, great soil signature, modest tannins, tangy acids and outstanding length and grip on the complex and classy finish. **This is a great young Morgon.** 2016-2040+. 94.”* John Gilman - View from the Cellar Sept 2016