

"...in my view easily one of the top estates in all of France." Jeb Dunnuck The Wine Advocate



La Peira

(Organic) Languedoc (Les Terrasses du Larzac)

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Appellation of the year 2011 - Terrasses du Larzac - Bettane & Desseauve

***** (Outstanding) - The Languedocs best producers (one of only 12 producers listed)

"This estate continues to produce world class wines that show not only plenty of distinctive character, but a level of polish and refinement that isn't often found - from anywhere." The Rhone Report - Jeb Dunnuck



La Peira is a small 11.4 hectare domain located in the well drained limestone gravels of Les Terrasses du Larzac, at Saint Saturnin in the Herault department in Languedoc. The domain is owned by expatriate Australian composer Rob Dougan and his French Mauritian wife Karine Ahton (a lawyer who grew up near Montpellier). The wines are made by Jeremie Depierre and the consultant oenologist is Claude Gros, who consults to many of the regions top producers. Only estate grown fruit is used coming from 10-40 year old vines, intensive work is done in the vineyards to produce tiny yields (8-20 hl/ha depending on the wine and the vintage). Quantities of all wines here are by definition very limited with just 300 cases produced of the Grand vin, La Peira and only 500 cases of the second wine Las Flores de la Peira and fewer than 100 cases of the white blend. Varieties cultivated include the indigenous varieties of Cinsault and Carignan together with Grenache and Syrah for the top wines, and Viognier and Roussanne for the white wine. Winemaking is done with a light touch so only a small proportion of new 500 and 600L barrels for the cuvees containing Syrah and Mourvedre, with the Carignan and Cinsault cuvees being aged in tank or larger oak. The aim is to preserve the freshness and purity of each wine with as little interference as possible so there is minimal racking and no fining or filtering.

2013 Deusyls de la Peira blanc a blend of Roussanne and Viognier. *"The 2013 Deusyls de La Peira Blanc, which was tasted out of barrel, is a blend of 55% Roussanne, 40% Viognier and 5% Marsanne that's aging all in smaller barrels. Offering up gorgeous apple, citrus blossom and ample minerality in its medium-bodied, fresh and pure profile, it has both freshness and richness, with beautiful length. Enjoy it over the coming 3-5 years. 92-94."* The Rhone Report Jeb Dunnuck - April 2014

2012 Les Obriers de la Peira made from a blend of Cinsault and Carignan, aged in large wood *"It's a kind of liqueur of the garrigue"* Andrew Jefford *"The 2012 Coteaux du Languedoc Terrasses du Larzac Les Obriers offers fabulous Cinsault character and shows how interesting this variety can be when done right. Incredibly floral and perfumed, with sweet blackberry, violets, lilacs and exotic spices, this medium-bodied, elegant and silky effort builds on the palate, shows notable freshness and a pure, hard-to-resist feel. I'd drink it over the coming 4-5 years, but it will evolve for longer."* The Wine Advocate Jeb Dunnuck - April '14



2011 Las Flors de La Peira - 55% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Mourvedre and 5% Cinsault that was aged in 25% new French oak. *"Tasted out of bottle, the 2011 Coteaux du Languedoc Terrasses du Larzac Las Flors de La Peira is gorgeous. Kirsch, graphite, licorice, spice box and cured meats are just some of the nuances here, and it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness and depth. Still showing a kiss of oak, give it another year in bottle and drink it over the following 8-10 years. 93 pts."* The Wine Advocate Jeb Dunnuck - April '14

2011 Matissat La Peira "Les Terrasses du Larzac" rouge - 100% Mourvedre. **SOLD OUT** *"Blockbuster stuff, with massive kirsch, licorice, spiced meats and graphite aromas and flavors, this puppy hits the palate with a massive core of fruit, full-bodied concentration and depth, and a rock star finish. Approachable now given its exuberant personality, I wouldn't be surprised to see it still drinking beautifully at age 20. 95 pts."* The Wine Advocate - April '14

2011 La Peira "Les Terrasses du Larzac" rouge - 60% Syrah and 40% Grenache and aged in 60% new French oak. *"The 2011 Coteaux du Languedoc Terrasses du Larzac La Peira has fabulous richness and depth, with exuberant kirsch, cassis, dried earth, ground herbs and licorice-styled aromas and flavors. Despite all of the fruit and texture, it has considerable depth and concentration, and builds on the palate with fine tannin."* 96 pts. The Wine Advocate Jeb Dunnuck - April '14



"Easily one of the top wines of the region (and I'll gladly include all of the southern Rhone in that comparison)." The Rhone Report - Jeb Dunnuck