



Press and Reviews

“One of my favorite producers year in year out who still seems to fly under many people’s radar is Maryland-born Jeff Cohn. He has the midas touch. It is clearly obvious. Anyone serious about wine should have some of his vinous elixirs in their cellar.” Robert M. Parker, Jr. March 2016

2013 Domaine des Chirats Rockpile Syrah

95 Pts Robert M. Parker, Jr. One special cuvée that Jeff Cohn does with the famous Northern Rhône winemaker Yves Cuilleron, called Domaine des Chirats, is Syrah from the Rockpile Vineyard. The 2013 Syrah Domaine des Chirats Rockpile Vineyard which apparently they have made together, is a sensational effort. This is stunning stuff. Black/purple in color, its gorgeous blackberry fruit, floral notes, super-supple tannins, multi-layered texture, and an opulent full-bodied finish make for a profound glass of Syrah from this special AVA in Sonoma.

97 Pts Connoisseurs’ Guide to CA Wine The remarkable 2013 Domaine des Chirats is a collaborative effort between Jeff and Rhône vigneron, Yves Cuilleron, and it quite simply ranks with the best Syrahs to come our way. It shows the ripeness, richness and size that we have come to expect from Mr. Cohn, yet it is uncommonly well-structured and tempers its strength with real refinement. While already a Syrah of evident layering and show-stopping depth, it is not nearly the wine that it will be with age, and those who are incapable of letting it quietly sit for another six to ten years and insisting on drinking it in its youth, will be missing out on a memorable vinous experience.

94 Pts Tasting Panel/Somm Journal Publisher’s Picks Winemakers Jeff Cohn and Yves Cuilleron (Cohn’s celebrated vintner friend from the Northern Rhône) crafted this black beauty from the famed Rockpile Vineyard AVA in the northwestern-most corner of Sonoma County on a dramatically sloping ridgeline. This vineyard is at 2,000 feet elevation and sits above the fog line with high winds. Dark as night shadows make for an opaque wine. Its density is further displayed on the palate with a surprisingly elegant nature. The fruit is not crammed together with tannins: rather this humble red is chewy with licorice, tarragon, and oregano with espresso bean tannins. Lavender is expressed through anise and cigar leaf.

2013 Rockpile Vineyard Syrah Haley

96 Pts Robert. M. Parker, Jr. This 2013 Syrah Haley Rockpile is one of them. Inky, opaque/purple in color, the wine has incredibly sweet blackberry richness, a beautiful floral note, and that crushed-rock minerality that seems to be part of this AVA. The flavor intensity is mind-boggling, the purity, texture and length exquisite. This is another prodigious tour de force from Jeff Cohn that should drink well for at least 10-15 years.

95 Pts Connoisseurs’ Guide to CA Wine Although every bit as ripe, rich and well-stuffed as any of Mr. Cohn’s substantial 2013 Syrahs, this sturdy, solidly built effort is drawn along slightly tighter lines than its mates. It is generously fruited with layers of peppery spice, caramelized meat and a scant suggestion of earth in league with its dominant theme of dark berries, and, if at this point, a potent and powerful wine that is a bit short on charm, it is a most promising one that absolutely demands patience and will not fully come into its own until it approaches its tenth anniversary.



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2013 The Impostor

91 Pts Wine Spectator Eclectic, eccentric and fun to drink, with aromas of huckleberry and spiced cinnamon opening to zesty, briary flavors of blueberry, smoky grilled anise and cracked pepper. Zinfandel, Syrah, Petite Sirah, Grenache, Carignane, Mourvèdre, Alicante Bouschet, Black Muscat and Viognier. Drink now through 2021. 1,913 cases made. –TF

2013 Smoke & Mirrors

91 Pts Jeb Dunnock The Wine Advocate A blend of mostly Zinfandel and Petite Sirah, with smaller amounts of Grenache and Alicante Bouschet, Cohn's 2013 Smoke and Mirrors (2,100 cases) tastes like a top flight Cotes du Rhône with its brambly berry fruits, licorice, crushed rock and hints of spring flowers. Fresh, lively, pure and quaffably good, yet also with plenty of class and first rate purity, it's a terrific, beautifully made, medium-bodied, fruit-loaded red to buy by the case and enjoy over the coming 3-4 years.

2013 #PureYum

89 Pts Connoisseurs' Guide to CA Wine Mr. Cohn's liking for ripeness and richness comes through very clearly here, yet for all the wine's amplitude and intimations of sweetness, it is not at all over the top and delivers plenty of generously oaked, dark berry fruit. It is at once wide open and moderately tannic in a way that both invites drinking and argues for a few years of age, but, whether held or enjoyed soon, it will fill the niche nicely as a foil to hearty, full-flavored dishes.

2013 Dusi Vineyard Zinfandel Paso Robles

90 Pts Connoisseurs' Guide to CA Wine Calling any of Mr. Cohn's Zinfandels "light" would be to give the wrong impression, but within a family of big, broad-shouldered siblings the Dusi Vineyard bottling is the least muscle-bound of the brood. That, however, is not to say that it lacks for richness or concentration, and it steers to strawberries and plums with a mild trim of milk chocolate to its ongoing fruit. It tends slightly to softness on entry and initially impresses as a wine to drink soon, but its aggressive, back-palate tannins make a strong case for three to five years of patience.

2013 Cassata Vineyard Zinfandel Sonoma Valley

91 Pts Robert M. Parker, Jr. I had the pleasure of tasting two Zinfandels from Cohn. The 2013 Zinfandel Cassata Vineyard carries a Sonoma appellation and a bold 15.6% natural alcohol. A rich, black raspberry-scented nose, a full-bodied mouthfeel and delicious fruit-forward style is not going to make old bones, but for drinking over the next 5-6 years, this is a sexy Zinfandel.

90 Pts Connoisseurs' Guide to CA Wine This imposing, highly ripened and fully extracted Zinfandel is as bold and as rich as any of the current Jeff Cohn offerings, and, if it is bound to impress the weak of heart as being on the verge of losing control, there is no denying its generosity, its depth and its sheer fruity muscle. It is a full-throttle powerhouse that is sure to overwhelm all but the most flavorful foods, and it joins the ranks of big-impact Zins ideally suited for accompanying meal-ending cheeses.

2013 2 Guys 2 Barrels Stagecoach Vineyard Viognier

91 Pts Connoisseurs' Guide to CA Wine The result of a joint endeavor between Jeff Cohn and Condrieu vigneron, Yves Gangloff, this potent and powerful take on Viognier is about as rich as they come. It is absolutely brimming with deep, fully ripe, highly concentrated fruit with layers of honey, peach and creamy oak, and, while its all-too-evident heat cannot be ignored, it is so generously stuffed that its excesses are easy to forgive. Make no mistake, this is not a Viognier for the faint of heart, and it is to be savored only with the very richest foods.