

VACQUEYRAS 2017 TASTING

ORA

(92-94) pts

«Possibly the finest of the trio is the 2017 Vacqueyras Ora, which is 55% Grenache, 25% Syrah and the rest Mourvèdre. It shows the same purity and finesse-driven style as the other cuvées yet has slightly more oomph in its fruit, medium to full body, rocking purity, and terrific notes of blue fruits, violets, blood orange, and exotic flowers. It's going to hit the ground running and keep for a decade.»



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PRELUDE

(91-94) pts

«Another beautiful wine from this estate, the 2017 Vacqueyras Prelude (55% Grenache, 22% Syrah, 13% Mourvèdre, and the rest Cinsault) boasts a deep purple color as well as exotic notes of violets, sappy flowers, obvious minerality, and both plum and blueberry-like fruits. As with the Alpha-Omega, it's elegant and seamless on the palate, with stunning purity of fruit. It's going to be a hidden gem in the vintage.»



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ALPHA OMEGA

(91-93) pts

«The 2017 Vacqueyras Alpha-Omega is a downright flamboyant beauty that's loaded with notions of cassis, raspberries, blueberries, blood orange, and garrigue. These all carry over nicely to the palate, where the wine is medium-bodied, has the fleshy, forward style of the vintage and a great finish. Made from equal parts Grenache and Syrah, it's certainly going to be an outstanding wine and is one of the standouts in the vintage.»



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