

# Awards & Accolades

#### Picpoul

2018

Wine Enthusiast: 90 Points - "Light aromas of Pink Lady apples, ripe limes and chilled river water show on the nose of this bottling of the increasingly popular white Rhône grape."

#### Vin Gris de Cigare

2018 <u>Grapelive.com</u>: 93 points - "Randall Grahm's pink wines are some of the best wines you can find anywhere and this vintage and version is damn near perfect and drinks with precision and pleasure crafted from a unique selection of grapes"

2017 Wine & Spirits: 90 Points - Best Buy, Year's Best Rosés

Vinous: 90 Points - "Brilliant onion skin. Vibrant red berry, peach and blood orange aromas are complemented by suave floral, fennel and mineral notes. Silky and energetic on the palate, showing seamless texture and subtly sweet strawberry, white peach and melon flavors that firm up and become spicier on the back half. Weighty but dry and gripping; the long, floral-tinged finish leaves a hint of succulent herbs behind. I'd love to throw this complex, uncompromising wine into a blind tasting of pink Bandols."

The Tasting Panel Magazine: 91, Anthony Dias Blue

### Vin Gris de Cigare Réserve

2016

Vinous: 92 Points - "Vivid orange-pink. Vibrant, mineral-accented red berry and pit fruit scents, along with suggestions of jasmine, orange zest and succulent herbs. Smooth, seamless and energetic on the palate, offering concentrated raspberry, tangerine and peach flavors and a hint of fennel. Powerful yet graceful as well, showing impressive energy and cut on a very long, sappy finish that leaves behind juicy citrus fruit and smoky mineral notes."

#### Vin Gris Tuilé

2013

<u>Vinous</u>: 92 Points, Josh Raynolds - "This intriguing and singular wine spent nine months resting, outdoors, in full sunshine, in glass demijohns. It's a one-off, to be sure, but it's also a hell of a lot of fun to ponder over."

The Drunken Cyclist: "Even if you consider yourself rather well versed in beverages vinous, this is probably

unlike any wine you have had before...This is certainly one for the wine geeks out there."

Now and Zin: "In the glass, [it has] a nutty, savory note. It is quite unusual, and quite

delightful...On the palate, it's a cross between rosé and dry sherry. A definite caramel note is a great surprise."

## Clos de Gilroy

2017

Vinous: 90 Points, Josh Raynolds - "Juicy and supple on the palate; a spine of acidity adds lift to sweet raspberry and cherry flavors. Deepens on the clinging red-fruit-driven finish which is shaped by smooth fine-grained tannins."

Wine Enthusiast: 92 Points, Matt Kettmann - "...loads of crushed carnation, rose petal, cranberry and raspberry on the nose. There is a compelling freshness to the palate, with potpourri and lavender flavors meshing into a background of pomegranate and rosewater."

The New York Times: 20 Wines Under \$20: A Little More Money for a Lot More Wine

### Le Cigare Blanc

2015

Vinous: 92 Points, Josh Raynolds - "Dry and tightly focused on the palate where Meyer lemon and pear nectar flavors show very good clarity and a building mineral note. Closes energetic and impressively long leaving a note of bitter pear skin behind."

2014

<u>Vinous</u>: 92 Points, Josh Raynolds - "A suave floral nuance builds as the wine opens up and carries through a long focused finish that features repeating orange and mineral notes."

<u>Wine Enthusiast</u>: 92, Matt Kettmann - "Crisp and clean aromas of chalk and lime pith meet with riper touches of honeydew and Anjou pear on the nose...The freshness extends to the palate, where riper guava tones are deftly cut by citrus peels and finished with a minty lift. The structure is tense and ideal, while the acidity is available but not overwhelming.

<u>JamesSuckling.com</u>: 93 Points - "Very pretty dried apple, pineapple and mango follow through to medium to full body with fresh acidity. Mineral, stone and limestone undertones. A serious white."

#### Le Cigare Blanc Réserve

2014

<u>Vinous</u>: 93 Points, Josh Raynolds - "Minerally and seamless on the palate offering plush orchard fruit and orange marmalade flavors and deeper suggestions of honey and buttered toast."

Wine Enthusiast: 93 Points, Matt Kettmann - "...pecan and cashew aromas, as well as more tart scents of key lime peels and lemon mousse. It lands heavily on the palate with roasted banana flavors and a buttery midpalate, but it is cut immediately by a kumquat tartness. Fascinating sipper."

<u>JamesSuckling.com</u>: 93 Points - "Plenty of cooked apple, lemon and cream aromas follow through to a full body, round and soft texture and a rich finish. Layered and almost decadent. An opulent white. "

#### Le Cigare Volant

Wine Spectator: 92, Tim Fish- "Precise and appealingly Old World in style, offering smoky raspberry, spice box and black olive flavors and a hint of leather, finishing with refined tannins. Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cinsaut. Drink now through 2025. 2,400 cases made."

**2013** <u>Vinous:</u> 90 Points, Josh Raynolds - "The long smoky finish echoes the cherry and spice notes and is given shape by supple interwoven tannins. This wine is quite Old World in style and I suspect that readers who are used to polished modern wines might be taken aback here.