

CHATEAU D'AIGUILHE

C A S T I L L O N - C Ô T E S D E B O R D E A U X

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The 2012 d'Aiguilhe enjoyed low yields of 25 hectoliters per hectare and the final blend was 80% Merlot and 20% Cabernet Franc that came in at 14% alcohol. This large production cuvee comes from a 175-acre vineyard. Full-bodied with beautiful black currant, licorice, lead pencil shavings and forest floor characteristics with a touch of smoky oak in the background, this opulent, round, complete wine should drink well for 7-8 years. D'Aiguilhe has been a consistent winner for a number of vintages. One of the Stephan von Neipperg estates (all of which merit attention), Stephane Derenoncourt is the consultant.

Jancis Robinson – April 2013

16.5+

80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. Inky crimson. Gently spiced cassis, perhaps a hint of ginger. Much denser than I expected. Chewy and deep and generous. Bags of flavour and structure, all waiting to coalesce, plus a finesse to the tannins and good length. (JH)

Decanter – April 2013

16.25/20 pts (87/100 pts)

Ripe fruit with mid-palate sweetness. Firm but polished tannins. (James Lawther MW)

Bettane & Desseauve – Avril 2013

15.5

Gras, puissant, large d'épaules, vin de grand volume et d'une puissance à ce stade encore très compacte et austère.



Vignobles Comtes von Neipperg