



2009 Domaine Coston Coteaux du Languedoc Terrasses du Larzac les Garigoles

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Coteaux du Languedoc, Languedoc Roussillon, France

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Rating: 89+
Drink 2011 - 2015
Cost:

From (tank-rendered) Grenache and (new barrique-raised) Syrah grown in gravelly soil between Puechabon and St.-Jean-d-Fos, Coston's 2009 Coteaux du Languedoc Terrasses du Larzac Les Garigoles is the first installment of this cuvee to be permitted the Larzac sub-appellation, and was bottled just before I tasted it in April. Lightly-cooked cherry and black raspberry are tinged with cocoa powder, leather, and pencil lead, informing an expansive and quite full though slightly awkwardly tannic palate and leading to an impressively lingering finish. This should be worth following for at least 3-4 years, and will probably have shown better in the short run after resting from bottling. The Puechabon-based domaine of Joseph and Marie-Therese Coston revealed itself on the occasion of my April visit to be one of this justly-renowned sector's most exciting if as yet largely unheralded source of excellence as well as of exceptional value. The fifth generation took over this estate in 1999 and immediately commenced a conversion to organic (eventually biodynamic) viticulture; a radical update of their cellar; and gradual expansion, of which the most significant – nearly 60 unplanted acres around Aniane (including some of those on which Robert Mondavi once famously had designs) – came only last year, so that in multiple respects one can safely predict that the best from Domaine Coston is yet to come. A Thomas Calder Selection (various importers), Paris; fax 011-33-1-46-45-15-29
