

**2010 La Peira en Damaisela
Deusyls de la Peira**

While the 2010 Deusyls de la Peira – a blend, as usual, of Viognier with minority Roussanne – was still set to spend a year in barrel when I tasted it, there was no question about its personality or its high quality. “Explosive” is the only word that can do justice to the effusion of honeysuckle, acacia, quince, pineapple, and mandarin on the nose and lush yet vibrant and buoyant palate of this beauty. It positively shimmers in finishing interaction of these fruits and flowers with salt, stone, and otherwise mineral matter. As this cuvee begins to acquire some track record, it becomes evident that we don’t yet know the full extent of its aging potential, but this instantiation ought to be worth following for at least 4-5 years.

Rob Dougan and his winemaker Jeremie Depierre demonstrated this April that La Peira en Damaisela – for much more about which, consult the account in my issue 183 Languedoc report – is not about to rest on its early and entirely merited laurels. In addition to exciting 2010 raw materials (on which I have appended parenthetical comments to my notes on the 2009s) and superlative 2009 and 2008 renditions of the same four cuvees I tasted from each of their first three vintages (and reported on in issue 183), ...

- David Schildknecht (August, 2011)