



2005 Domaine de Pallus Chinon les Pensees de Pallus

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Domaine de Pallus
90	\$25	NA	From: France , Loire , Chinon
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: Red
David Schildknecht	31st Aug 2007	172, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

Young Bertrand Sourdais is best known as winemaker at the Ribera del Duero's Dominio de Atauta, a job he landed right out of oenology school in Bordeaux, and whence he commutes from the Loire. In 2003, Sourdais decided to take over his family's domaine and begin estate-bottling their Chinon. In his second commercial vintage, the 2005 Chinon Les Pensees de Pallus (the name under which his flagship wine is bottled) has turned out a great success, more so than I had been willing to forecast based on tasting its components from barrel. Red raspberry, plum and subtly smoky toasted nuts in the nose lead to an elegant, refined, caressingly silken-textured palate displaying sorbet of red raspberry, roasted red pepper, nut oils and a deep, marrowy sweetness. Elegant and low key, with clear, juicy finishing fruit and subtle smoky, spicy, nutty finishing nuances, this seems too delightful now to want to hold, although – there being no track record – one is tempted to experiment with a few bottles in one's cellar. Importer: The Rare Wine Co., Sonoma, CA; tel. (800) 999-4342

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Sweetness: Dry

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Variety: Cabernet Franc