



2008 Domaine de Pallus Chinon les Pensees de Pallus

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Domaine de Pallus
89	\$25	NA	From: France , Loire , Chinon
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: Red
David Schildknecht	31st Aug 2010	190, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2008 Chinon Pensees de Pallus – the estate’s second wine – smells of fresh blackberry and mulberry, raw walnut, incense, wild fennel, and smoked meat. Like a dense yet vibrant and refreshing mingling of fresh dark berry juices, burley tobacco, and savory fennel seed- and black pepper-laced sausage, this fills and invigorates the palate, finishing with tart notes of berry skin and faintly bitter hints of nut husk and artichoke. I would plan to enjoy this over the next couple of years. Regrettably, a frenetic, tight schedule in the Loire precluded my sampling from barrel the 2009s of Bertrand Sourdais. I did however taste the two current U.S. releases from this talented young native of Chinon, better known as winemaker at the Ribera del Duero’s Dominio de Atauta (a job he landed right out of oenology school in Bordeaux). Two-thirds of Sourdais's acreage is on chalk-clay soils and the rest on alluvial and gravel soils near the river, and both sorts of terroir are reflected in his blend. (A cuvée from lesser lots which I have ever tasted is sold exclusively in France.) Importer: The Rare Wine Co., Sonoma, CA; tel. (800) 999-4342

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Sweetness: Dry

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Variety: Cabernet Franc