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THE RHONE REPORT

Southern Rhône

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Mas Isabelle

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| 2010 Mas Isabelle Lirac Cuvée Grand Roc | Red | 89 |
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2010 Mas Isabelle Lirac Cuvée Grand Roc (France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Lirac) \$18

Along the same lines, yet showing additional richness and depth, the 2010 Mas Isabelle Lirac Cuvée Grand Roc is a blend of 65% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 5% Carignan that was aged mostly in tank, yet with 7% of the blend in new oak. Offering up spice-laced aromas of red and black fruits, licorice, hints of flowers, and solid underlying minerality, this medium-bodied Lirac has an overall elegant, balanced profile, a supple, polished texture, and plenty of fine tannin that shows with additional airtime. It will drink well for upwards of a decade. **(89 pts.)**

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| 2011 Mas Isabelle Lirac Cuvée Grand Roc | Red | 87-90 pts. |
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2011 Mas Isabelle Lirac Cuvée Grand Roc (France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Lirac) \$18

A promising barrel sample, the 2011 Mas Isabelle Lirac Cuvée Grand Roc is a destemmed blend of 75% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 5% Carignan that's aged completely in tank. Sporting aromas of sweet plums, currant bud, licorice, and wild flowers, it is medium-bodied, sweetly fruited, and shows a voluptuous texture that carries into the finish. Relatively low in acidity, this pleasure bent offering should be consumed in its first 3-4 years of life. **(87-90 pts.)**

WINE SCORING

- 89 – 85** **Very Good to Good.** These offer real character and can be age worthy. The majority of my cellar and what I drink on a daily basis falls into this category.
- 85 – 90** **Outstanding.** These wine are outstanding for their type and are worth the extra effort to seek out.