

Little James' basket press

Vin de France red

Multivintage

Wine advocate

Wine Advocate – End of November 2020:

CHÂTEAU DE SAINT COSME Little James Basket Press Rouge NV – 86 points

“Louis Barruol has solved the problem of tracking which bottling a non-vintage wine comes from by adding a bottling date to the front label of his NV Vin de France Little James Basket Press. This particular sample was bottled in 2019. Grenache-based and aged in tank, it offers up scents of maraschino cherries, almond skin and dried herbs. Medium-bodied, succulent and juicy, it finishes well, with just enough silky tannin to give it substance. Drink it over the next couple of years.” Joe Czerwinski

Wine spectator

WINE SPECTATOR Best Values - 89 - Vin de France Little James' Basket Press NV - This has a fleshy, beefy feel, offering dark currant and plum paste flavors lined with light charcoal, smoldering tobacco and dried anise notes, but showing only modest grip, letting the fruit and light funk play out easily on the finish. A solera-style Grenache, bottled in 2015. Drink now through 2018. 12,500 cases made . (Dec 15,2017)

Jeb Dunnuck

Little James Red (Bottling year 2021) Rating : 87

Moving to the reds, the NV Vin De France Little James Basket Press is mostly Grenache and is a juicy, strawberry-filled, peppery wine with medium-bodied richness. It's a great bistro wine to drink over the coming couple of years. Tasting date: 1/25/2022

Food & Wine

Food & Wine – April 1, 2021

In “The Best Affordable Red Wine, \$15 and Under,” the editors of Food & Wine recommend “super-affordable reds from some of the world’s best wineries.” Among them:

SAINT COSME Little James Basket Press Rouge NV

“A non-vintage blend that’s peppery, spicy and altogether exactly what you expect from France’s Rhône Valley.”

Food & Wine – April 6, 2021

In “The 19 Best Grenache Wines to Buy Right Now,” wine writer Brian Freedman calls Grenache, “one of the unsung heroes of the wine world.” From France to Spain and beyond, there are many to choose from, Freedman writes, and wine drinkers should not pass them by, because “not only are its pleasures plentiful, but it’s often remarkably easy on the wallet, too, considering the high quality of what’s being produced.” Among Freedman’s 19 standouts:

SAINT COSME Little James Basket Press Rouge NV

“Mouthwatering, wildly food-friendly, and bursting from the glass with brambly berries, mountain berries, licorice, root beer spice, and blood orange against subtly sanguine notes of iron. This is a charming wine, and proof that solera isn’t just for Sherry!”