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WINES OF FRANCE

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Mas de Guiot Vin de Pays du Gard 2005

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This wine is a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Syrah. The grapes are sourced from vineyards in the Costières de Nîmes appellation and the wine is aged for up to a year in barrel. I love the combination of these two grapes together. It is a bit unexpected, but the marriage really works – and the wine is smooth and well-structured (fancy speak for meaning the tannins aren't too rough and drying and the wine has a good balance of alcohol, acid and tannin). If you are on the hunt for an unusual bottle of wine to give as a gift for a wine-lover on your holiday list, this is definitely a wine to look for.



For more information on this wine, please check out its page in our [Buying Guide](#).

[Where to buy this wine.](#)

Deep and intense, with an inky plummy color, youthful and bright
Moderate intensity, with aromas of spices, blackcurrants, cherries, cooking spices and earth
Dry, with a medium-plus body, balanced plus acidity, with moderately high alcohol (with a touch of heat on the finish) and moderately drying tannins. Notes of jammy, blackberry fruit with a touch of earth.
I love the script on the label. Not only is it eye-catching, but it is a clever mix of simple and elegant.
Did you know that “Mas” in French means “farmhouse”?

Conclusions: This wine is an interesting mix of jammy fruit, spice and earth. It has a lingering finish and a lot of flavor. Youthful and exuberant, this would be great to drink now or to cellar for a few years.

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If you have a chance to taste this wine, with friends or over dinner, I'd love to hear from you. Please send me your thoughts.