

## **Drink Rhône 2015** – John Livingstone

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### **2014 ★★★★★ Rasteau Les Esqueyrons red**

(concrete vat/ casks) dark colour, full robe. There is an inky, dark cherry aroma; the nose has sweet notions, a note of brewed tea, definite depth, more to come. This a full 2014, with a copious, fluid content delivered in waves, suggestive tannins riding shotgun. It breathes a local strength as it finishes, with the fruit carrying well. Has good structure, can do well in a second phase. Great length, STGT wine. 15°. 10,000 b. From mid-2016. 2022-23 Apr 2015

### **2014 ★★★★★(★) Rasteau Vieilles Vignes red**

(concrete vat/casks) full, good looking robe; welcoming, rounded air of black berry fruit, has a fluid coulis styling, and is layered in neat rows. There is a touch of “high” reduction and meatiness about it for now. The palate delivers generous black fruit, is easy to like. This has smooth inner strength, a very good heart, is a top Rasteau 2014, full of potential. It finishes with a precise, clear tang, has lovely length. Balance and depth in the glass. 15°. 35,000 b. 60% Gren, 30% Syr, 10% Mourv. From late 2016. 2023-24 Apr 2015

### **2013 ★★★★★(★) Rasteau Vieilles Vignes red**

dark red; brambly fruit aroma, with a baked, rocky presence, a murmur of pepper and dried herbs such as thyme. The palate offers wavy Grenache plum-style fruit with a flourish of bounty and juicy depth towards the finish. This is an expressive wine with local virtues, STGT achieved. The finish lasts well. It is OK now, with energy on show. A good, for now Grenache-inspired wine, in a very tricky year. The other varieties may show more prominently as it evolves. 15°. 20,000 b, bottled 23 Feb 2015. 50% Gren, 35% Syr, 15% Mourv. 2020-21 Apr 2015