

The Brunier family has been producing Vieux Telegraphe for more than 100 years from the tiny little triangle of land called the Plateau de la Crau in southern Rhône. The vines range in age from 50-65 years old on just 75 hectares. The family continues with long established traditions developed over decades of loving stewardship. This does not mean they stand still and rest on their laurels. In 2000 there was a soil study performed on Plateau de la Crau and the two brothers that currently run the winery, Daniel and Frederic admit that they are still learning. Their philosophy is careful minimalist including a green harvest and leaf stripping to manage yields and encourage ripening, followed by manual harvesting and a double sorting before vinification. To minimize the grape worm pest, they use pheromones in the vineyard, confusing the adult butterflies and reducing their breeding capacity as a result. Reading about them, they don't examine every grape but it seems that way.

Each year's blend is created from a blind tasting of the wines from one vintage after double fermentation and a year of aging in large oak casks. The blend is primarily Grenache, and Syrah, with occasionally Mourvèdre, Cinsault and others. Two flavours that differentiate this wine above all other in Southern Rhône are cherry and garrigue (forest floor). In younger wines red cherries dominate adding a touch of sweetness which trend to dark cherries as the backbone as the wine ages.

We will taste three decades of this premium wine and invite you to explore an old family's tradition, on old vines, using methods developed over a century to produce this exceptional wine.

As always with our tastings, this event will be strictly non-smoking, and we request your cooperation in not wearing any scented after-shave or perfume.

Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2012
 Time: 6:30 p.m.
 Limit: 122 people

North York Memorial Community Hall
 5110 Yonge St. (under library)
 North York Centre Subway

Cancellations accepted up to September 7, 2012 — Charles Orchard (416-751-5397 **evenings**). **No reservations by phone, please.** No confirmations will be issued — you will be contacted only if we are sold out. First come basis. Non-members may attend at guest rates, but preference will be given to members.

You can register online using a credit card at www.winetasters.ca, or send in this form with a cheque.

Tear and Enclose

Cheque payable to:
 Winetasters Society of Toronto
 c/o Charles Orchard
 5 Welby Circle
 Toronto, Ontario
 M4B 2Y8

Names: _____

 Phone: (____) _____ W (____) _____

Cheque Enclosed for: Vieux Telegraphe

_____ Members @ 60.00 each _____
 _____ Guests @ 65.00 each _____

Yes, I wish to sit at a New Members Table
 with an expert to answer my questions.

Total _____

Attention All Members

At the first tasting of our 2012/2012 season we will be holding our elections for this year's Board of Directors.

The following members of WINETASTERS have agreed to stand for election and ask for your support:

Jennifer Curran

Richard Flack

David Hutchison

Michael Johnston

Charles Orchard

Walter Pylpczuk

Peter Wood

This allows us a seven-member Board of Directors for this year in accordance with our club by-laws.

If there are any other members wishing to stand for election, they must be nominated by an existing member and present themselves before September 1, 2012.