

1988 Vial-Magneres Banyuls Rancio Al Tragou

A Proprietary Blend Sweet Red Dessert wine from France, Banyuls, Vins Doux Naturels, Languedoc Roussillon, France,

Review by Jeb Dunnuck eRobertParker.com #, #224 (Apr 2016)

Rating: 95

Drink 2016 - 2038

Cost: \$0

One of the standout fortified wines I was able to taste for this report, the 1988 Banyuls Rancio Al Tragou was made from 95% Grenache (some white and grey Grenache as well) and 5% old vine Carignan. Aged 25 years in old foudre, it offers a sensational bouquet of cedary spice, figs, toasted nuts and toffee that continues to evolve and change in the glass. Layered, full-bodied, ultra-fine and seamless, it never puts a foot wrong and is a fabulous effort that Banyuls lovers shouldn't miss! www.vialmagneres.com Importer(s): Weygandt Metzler Importing, Ltd., Unionville, PA 19320, (610) 486-0700, www.weygandtmetzler.com

NV Vial-Magneres Banyuls Rivage Amber

A Grenache Sweet Red Dessert wine from France, Banyuls, Vins Doux Naturels, Languedoc Roussillon, France,

Review by Jeb Dunnuck eRobertParker.com #, #224 (Apr 2016) Rating: 88

Drink 2016 - 2026

Cost: \$0

Made from a Solera blend of Grenache Blanc and Grenache Gris that goes back to 1986, the NV Banyuls Rivage Amber's light gold/sherry color is followed by a rancio like array of toffee, cream, figs and white raisins. This full-bodied, ripe, very sweet effort is a touch straightforward, yet has tons of charm as well as textural richness and depth. www.vialmagneres.com Importer(s): Weygandt Metzler Importing, Ltd., Unionville, PA 19320, (610) 486-0700, www.weygandtmetzler.com