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94 2010 Domaine du Grapillon d'Or, Gigondas, Rhône Valley

£18.99 down to £14.24, 14.5%, Waitrose



This was one of the very best wines at the Waitrose tasting, a very smart southern Rhône red based on Grenache with 20% Syrah for added backbone. It's a ripe wine, with 14.5% alcohol, but it's subtle and elegant, too, reflecting the balance of the 2010 vintage. Supple and sweet, with notes of wild herbs, red fruits, medium tannins and a nuanced, finely crafted finish. This outclasses a lot of Châteauneuf-du-Papes.

Available from (as of date of review): **Waitrose**

Drinking window: 2012-18

Similar wines: £10-£20, France, Syrah/Shiraz, Grenache, 91-95, Beef, Lamb



About Tim

I'm an award-winning wine writer and Master of Wine with 28 years' experience. I write for a number of publications, including The World of Fine Wine, OLN, Intelligent Life, Gourmet Traveller Wine, Imbibe, Decanter and Woman and Home, appear regularly on BBC's Saturday Kitchen and am one of the Three Wine Men. I am a co-chairman of the International Wine Challenge, the world's most rigorously judged blind tasting competition, and have won over 25 awards for my journalism and photography. So far, I don't have a red nose to show for it.

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Music & Wine

Tim selects the perfect track to accompany one of his recently reviewed wines.

Kind of Blue was the first jazz album I ever bought and I still love it. This is one of my favourite tracks on the album, with a piano-driven rhythm that makes me want to tap my feet and reach for a glass of something delicious. How about a bottle of **2010 Domaine Vadoisey Pommard** (£26.95, **Roberson Wine**), a fine, great value red Burgundy that shows the lightness of touch of a Volnay rather than the surly power of a Pommard?

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