

2008 Clos de Gat Chanson

Clos de Gat  A Proprietary Blend Dry White Table wine from Judean Hills, Israel


Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
eRobertParker.com # 184 Aug 2009	Mark Squires	<u>90</u>	Drink: 2009 - 2011	\$30 (30)
<p>The 2008 CHANSON is another nice example of this bottling, a wine I'm coming to like very much. A blend of Chardonnay, Semillon, Viognier and Chenin Blanc, it is just a little grassy on the nose on opening, bright and refreshing. Tasting this very young in the Spring of 2009, I thought it was delicious, dry but fruity, crisp but well balanced. There is pretty good depth and concentration of fruit here, too. I'm not sure it will age terribly well, but there is an awful lot here to like. Drink now and enjoy it. Worry about tomorrow when it gets here. Drink now-2011.</p> <p>In 2008, this fine little boutique, one of Israel's best, released 5,000 cases of wine. The 2007 Har'el reds reviewed this issue are notable for their power, making me wonder what the Sycras will look like (Clos de Gat's upper level brand</p> <p>Importer: SolStars Inc., New York N.Y.; tel: .</p>				

2007 Clos de Gat Chardonnay

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Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
eRobertParker.com # 184 Aug 2009	Mark Squires	<u>89</u>	Drink: 2009 - 2012	\$45 (45)
<p>This 2007 CHARDONNAY from one of Israel's best boutiques was unfiltered and aged for 12 months in French oak. It is a fine Chardonnay, a grape Israel seems to be getting right from its top producers. is a The wine is also crisp and refreshing, with a tightly wound, rather intense finish, projecting tons of flavor. Drink now-2012.</p>				

2005 Clos de Gat Red Wine Ayalon Valley

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Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
eRobertParker.com # 184 Aug 2009	Mark Squires	<u>89</u>	Drink: 2009 - 2016	\$50 (50)
<p>Unfined and unfiltered, the 2005 AYALON VALLEY is Clos de Gat's Bordeaux blend, 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and 7% Petit Verdot, aged for 20 months in French oak. Elegant in the mid-palate, it is surprisingly powerful on the finish on opening, with the tannins asserting themselves at the moment. It is a wine to be taken seriously - Drink now-2016.</p>				

2004 Clos de Gat Red Wine Ayalon Valley

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Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
eRobertParker.com # 177 Jun 2008	Mark Squires	<u>89</u>	Drink: 2008 - 2014	\$50 (50)
<p>The 2004 Ayalon Valley is a Bordeaux blend (63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot and the rest Petit Verdot) that spent 20 months in French oak. It is a classy, beautifully structured wine, bright, with grip on the finish. The mid-palate is on the elegant side and it thins out too fast in the decanter, though. The texture is lush and a bit creamy due to oak, but it integrates nicely with air, and the wine quickly becomes rather well balanced. As it airs out, it seems to burst with flavor. The tannins provide grip, but are ripe and well integrated. Drink now-2014.</p> <p>Clos de Gat is one of Israel's finest boutiques. If it is not one of Israel's top 5 wineries, it is certainly knocking on that door, not too far off. I look for many good things to come from this winery, and in particular they should continue to progress with their interesting Syrah bottlings.</p>				

2004 Clos de Gat Syrah Sycra

Clos de Gat  A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from Israel

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate # 174 Dec 2007	Mark Squires	<u>90</u>	Drink: 2007 - 2013	\$69 (65)
<p>The 2004 Syrah "Sycra" was aged for 20 months in French oak. It tastes of little else at first. Lurking beneath the creamy texture and the ripe, almost syrupy feel, are some soft tannins. As it airs out, it throws off some funky notes, a bit of game, a touch of the sauvage, and it also starts to show off its structure, and come into balance. It seems quite typical at this point, and its structure becomes quite impressive, showing fine tannic support, well integrated into the wine. There were 500 cases produced. Drink now-2013. The Sycra (Aramaic for "bright red") line is produced only in certain years.</p>				

2006 Clos de Gat Syrah Sycra

Clos de Gat  A Syrah Dry Red Table wine from Israel

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
eRobertParker.com # 184 Aug 2009	Mark Squires	<u>89</u>	Drink: 2009 - 2018	\$65 (65)
<p>The 2006 SYRAH SYCRA — it is typical Syrah, earthy and gamey, with a bright and sunny demeanor, more Northern Rhone than California. For sure, no one will be guessing Israel. Chock full of flavor and with a mouthwatering finish. Drink now-2018.</p>				

2006 Clos de Gat Merlot Sycra

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Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
eRobertParker.com # 184 Aug 2009	Mark Squires	<u>90</u>	Drink: 2010 - 2019	\$65 (65)
<p>The 2006 MERLOT SYCRA is the Merlot entrant in Clos de Gat's "Sycra" lineup—it's top of the line brand, meaning "bright red" in Aramaic. After 20 months in French oak, it is lush and round, but there is power and focus here, too, and the wine is hardly a simple fruit bomb. The finish, in fact, is gripping and intense, and it has more depth than the 2007 "Har'el" Merlot reviewed this issue. It is very appealing, simply delicious and built to hold. It seemingly thins as it airs out—but the next day it is just as good, not a bit thinner and far more harmonious, with some intensity still on the finish. The fruit was still sweet and lovely. Drink 2010-2019.</p>				