What people say about this site

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WHAT PURPLE PAGERS SAY

We are very fortunate in having such an incredibly loyal, articulate, appreciative group of members of Purple pages. These are some of their comments from a members' survey in May 2010. We have left them in the order in which we received them, which is why there is a certain grouping of parts of the world.

Michael Carlin, Brussels
Easy to read, frequent updates, great tasting-notes search function.

Nathan Lee, London
It is constantly updated with very interesting news from the world of wine. It has a very wide variety (virtually all regionsand all grape types!) of brilliant tasting notes. I also value interaction with the authors and other members in the members' forum.

Richard Connell, Devon, UK
She publishes her views first and doesn't wait to check her grades against others.

Michael Heintz, director of a wine company's marketing communications, California
The writing is superb, the breadth of coverage excellent, as is having the*Oxford Companion* online.

Brian Daunheimer, President, Grand Père Wines, Minneapolis
I've come to trust Jancis' palate.

Reid V Rapport, Orlando, Florida
BY FAR - the most informed and organised source, PLUS the online *Oxford* and maps.

Charles Bartlett, UK
The intelligence of the articles and members is exceptional - no other wine resource comes close to their high standards and thoughtfulness of their articles.

Bill Hargrove, Texas
I like critics/wine journalists who express a clear opinion, even if I disagree. JR is quite forthright in her perspective, but also aware of and sensitive to differing points of view. That solid grounding with respect for dissenting opinions is important to me. It helps me to understand more about the wines she covers. I also like the members' forums for the same reason - good give-and-take from people with opinions.

Mary Parker, Germany
Expert knowledge base with lots of information available. Up-to-the-minute articles about current issues in the wine world and great tasting notes/articles. Members' forum interesting and informative.

Conor Cunningham, Norway
An affordable, readily accessible source of information from a writer that I take seriously.

Leigh Johnson, UK
I admire their sheer energy! The vast number of tasting notes of new and older wines, the ability to search the tasting section and its integration with CellarTracker. I value their honest and independent assessment hugely, and the fact they are not selling anything increases the trust (and that's from a salesman!). As a technical reference JR.com is unbeatable.

Doug Bond, Scotland
The articles are written by genuine experts without ever coming across as dogmatic. Some other wine writers confuse their opinions with fact whereas the articles here are full of facts, have an opinion but recognise that wine is ultimately a subjective subject and differing opinions exist and may be equally valid.

Gavin Quinney, Ch Bauduc, Bordeaux
The writing is authentic, genuine and JR is demonstrably appreciative of subscribers. Regularly updated content is key. I use RSS so having headings to hand in Firefox makes it very easy to access.

Wai Kwong Ho, Japan
It is an excellent resource for a wide variety of wine related interests. Tasting notes, inside information and access to the many other resources are invaluable to anyone interested in wine. In addition, good discussions and insights can also be found in the members' forum.

Ned Goodwin, Japan
Well-written; highly approachable and informative. Manages to straddle the very delicate precipice between gentle irreverence and high-brow.

David Witts, Hong Kong
Easy to navigate. I'm almost certain that most of the information I generally need is easy to hand. The purple pages are an invaluable resource.

Ian Hesketh, UK
Manages to continue the best traditions of intelligent and thoughtful print journalism in a pretty alien environment!

Fraser Wilson, Vietnam
I tend to agree with the majority of the tasting notes. The site is easy to navigate and comprehensive. Any questions tend to be dealt with pretty quickly.

Marcus Ford, China
The quality of writing is exceptional and as members we have daily information and updates from JR and team in a very personal way.

Zain Dawoodi, Spain
What I like best is the fact that we know the utterly impartial and knowledgeable Jancis is behind it.

Isa Bal, head sommelier, The Fat Duck, UK
I like the fact that the work is done by professionals that I can trust and update my knowledge through the website. I also enjoy the fact that I can access to *Oxford Companion* and the *Atlas* all in one site.

Gregory Edwards, UK
The independent nature of the comments and opinions - Jancis and team are really honest about wine!

Markus Stolz, Athens, Greece
So professional.

Baub Kabala, Netherlands
No other wine website has such a rich and enjoyable content as JR.com. The writing style is just marvellous, as mind blowing as the best wines.

Giampiero Nadali, Italy
I appreciate the professional competence, the inside view of the wine business, and British humour.

Michael Fridjhon, leading wine writer, South Africa
All embracing - a single-stop source of information across wine and wine-related fields - reliable, independent, free of commercial interest, succinct, highly readable (it's a pleasure rather than a duty to read). Great search engine.

Robb Horesovsky, sommelier, Las Vegas

What I like best is the lack of influence that the industry has on the reviews/ratings and opinions expressed.

Mark Astbury, UK
Great palate. Good tasting notes and DAILY articles.

Tobias Treppenhauer of www.weinlakai.de, Germany
There's an *enormous* amount of content.

Yommi Pawelke, New Zealand
Gives a non American perspective.

Ian Symonds, Hong Kong
I think I joined right at the start? I enjoy just perusing through all those opinions and half-arsed comments that challenge me and my thinking - all great stuff.

Jim Cramer, San Diego, California
The online *Oxford Companion* is incredibly useful and fast, and the content is outstanding.

Jane Skilton MW, New Zealand
It's simple, easy to navigate and has interesting articles. I enjoy the food content via Nick Lander. It's worth the cost just to have the *Oxford Companion* online.

Donald Edwards, UK
The whole site is blissfully free of the unnecessary hyperbole that affects certain sites. The forum (while occasionally a bit quiet) is wonderfully calm and well behaved. Also I think that I tend not to disagree with Jancis tastes in wine.

Margaret Smith, Scotland
Candid, honest views and a person that I can rely on to answer any question I put to her.

Richard Connell, UK
She publishes her views first and doesn't wait to check her grades against others.

Llyn Strelau, Calgary, Canada
I like everything about the site! But the primary attraction is being a part of a community of like-minded wine lovers. The incredible breadth of knowledge of the 'experts' and professionals is complemented by the rest of us members in our quest to learn as much as we can about the vinous world. I have immense respect for Jancis as founder of JR.com and it is she who is responsible for attracting the community that I am so happy to be part of.

David Doyle, California
I like the non-American perspective on wines and the depth of the articles. There's also more breaking news available than elsewhere.

Greg Bennett, UK
Jancis is usually on the same wine calendar as me - ie tasting en primeurs for Burgundy, Bordeaux, Rhône etc when I'm looking to buy them which is massively helpful. She also provides the best all-round guide to wine. She and Julia provide a great overview and details on everything. Overall, I think my palate tends to agree with her more than some of the others - rather important when buying.

Iain Paterson, UK
I like the friendly, relaxed community feel, the ease of access to information and the regular updating of tasting notes.

Philip Edey QC, UK
What I like best is the amount of very regular new content from JR and the 'purity' or integrity of the site content (including the absence of advertising).

Andrew Graham, Australia
I appreciate the high standard of writing and sheer volume of quality articles.

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Mary Orlin, The Huffington Post (Oct 2011)
Jancis Robinson... the most prolific wine writer out there...is always a good read and a great teacher... reviews and articles about the wine world that are opinionated yet thoughtful.

Evan Goldstein, US food and wine writer (Jan 2010)
A wonderful combination of tasting notes, news, food information, and opinion from possibly the most influential wine journalist in the world.

Doug Cook, founder of AbleGrape.com and Director of Search at Twitter (2009)
If there is a wine site on the internet worth its subscription fee, this is it. Purple pages might well be the best wine site on the web.

Valérie Leclercq, TAST - Bettane & Desseauve (2009)
The celebrated Brit and superb graphics give you a lot to see for nothing. ... *Sobriété*, eclecticism and pleasure are there to be enjoyed.

Robert M Parker Jr, *Wine Buyer's Guide, 7th edition* (2008)
Anyone interested in fine wine ought to subscribe.

***The Guardian* (6 Sep 2008)**
The website of Jancis Robinson, one of the world's most respected and independent wine writers, is a veritable Aladdin's cave of information and opinion. Just relaunched, and constantly updated, it is lively, witty, eminently accessible, and certain to keep you the toast of the dinner party circuit. Do not miss the wonderful free content, including the latest news and views. The best bits however, are contained within the members-only Purple Pages where you can read thousands of tasting notes (with scores and suggested drinking dates), insider information, gossip and fine wine facts, as well as the cosmopolitan members' forum - described as 'the most courteous wine forum on the planet' by *La Revue du Vin de France*. As if that weren't enough to keep you busy, members also enjoy unlimited access to the only online versions of the award-winning classic *Oxford Companion to Wine* and the brilliant maps of the *World Atlas of Wine*.

Doug Frost MS MW, *Kansas City.com*(2 May 2007)Numerous websites, chat rooms and bulletin boards have added to the lustre of certain writers (Jancis Robinson), challenged others' reputations (Robert Parker, *Wine Spectator*) and brought new attention to particular grapes, regions and brands. JancisRobinson.com is the single best site on the Web for wine information. Her lucid essays offer a straightforward snapshot of the wider world of the grape.

Sharon Kapnick, *Time magazine* (19 Jan 2007)
There are plenty of less famous wine sites that are also worth savoring: jancisrobinson.com. Britain's Jancis Robinson has been called the Julia Child of wine. Robinson's advice is impeccable, her wit dry and her take on wine refreshingly non-American.

Richard Ehrlich, *Independent on Sunday* (Oct 2006)
Jancis Robinson's www.jancisrobinson.com, though it isn't officially a blog, is updated so regularly (when does she sleep?) that it might as well be.

Tom Cannavan, *Wine Report 2007* (Sep 2006)
JancisRobinson.com has had a makeover since *Wine Report 2006* but it remains independent and free of advertising. An online version of the*Oxford Companion to Wine* is one of its killer applications. Subscription is £69 per annum ($119 or 99 euros) - not cheap but the quality is high.

Robin Garr of www.wineloverspage.com (May 2006)
Based on content and value, I'd take it in an instant over Wine Spectator or Robert M. Parker Jr's Wine Advocate at comparable prices."

***Los Angeles Times* survey of wine websites (22 Feb 2006)**
For my money, the site worth paying for is JancisRobinson.com.

Virginie Boome, *Santa Rosa Press Democrat* (2006)
To many, one of the best examples of wine journalism on the web.