



2006 Le Soula Le Soula

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Languedoc Roussillon, France

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Rating: 89
Drink -
Cost:

The 2006 Le Soula smells fascinatingly of game, blackberries, rosemary, black olive, and toasted walnuts. Bitter-edged black fruits and persistent toasty nuttiness give the palate a distinctive piquancy, and the tannins here are palpably dense, but there is a refreshing brightness, almost a white wine-like snap and saline and wet stone minerality to the finish. This complex, relatively lean red appears to want another couple of years in bottle to take the proper measure of its potential. In 2001, Gerard Gauby, Eric Laguerre and (U.K. Gauby-agent) Roy Richards teamed up to create Le Soula. Their passive partner is the cooperative of Maury, whose members own the scattered parcels from which it is rendered, located on granite soils at around 1600-foot elevation near the village of St. Martin in the far west of viticultural Roussillon. None of the small quantity of these wines has to my knowledge yet reached the U.S.
