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Dave Phinney's Department 66
Grenache hails from the Cotes
Catalanes region in LanguedocRoussillon, in southern France.
The wine is made by Dave
Phinney, who says he fell in love
with the land around Maury on his
first visit there. He boasts that
the red soil is peppered with
black schist, granite and
limestone. He not only fell in
love with the dirt, but also the
people. So much so that he has a
home there.

The vines used in sourcing grapes for this wine range from 10 to 65 years old. The blend of Grenache, Syrah and Carignan

was aged for a year and a half in French oak barrels, nearly a third of which were new. Another five months aging took place in the bottle. Alcohol is heavy at 15.2% abv and the wine sells for \$38.

This is a big, bold wine. On the nose, blackcurrant and blueberries take a lot of leather, tobacco, allspice and licorice along for the ride. The palate is rich with blackberries and plums, with savory aspects equally forceful. The tannins are somewhat stiff, but would be welcome with a big, fatty steak on the plate. A zippy acidity embraces the wine's minerality, providing a lip-smacking refreshment.

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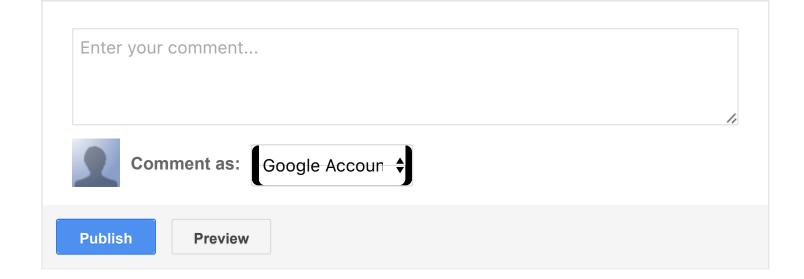
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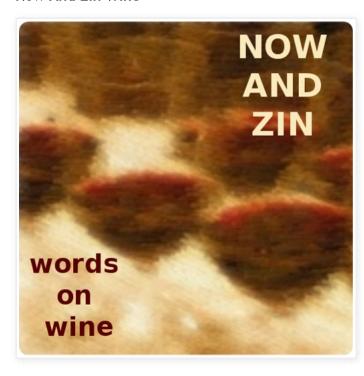
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