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PRESENTING :: 2014 ORION

Wines have in common with other kinds of children that occasionally one turns out perfectly, at least in parental opinion, with no more effort required than loving care and attention. Such is the case with the 2014 Orion.

Its color in the glass flaunts the impenetrable Orion robe, archetype of the species; swirled, its aromatics inhaled, the wine tasted & the finish savored, it reminds me of what Gerald Asher, wine critic for Gourmet magazine, said of some earlier vintages of Orion, that "each is as gorgeous as the wine I imagine to have been served in bejeweled cups to Byzantine emperors wearing cloth of gold. Lucky them."

Such, well, Byzantine prose coming from one of the world's leading wine critics and a generally understated Brit at that, is difficult to justify; however, I think the 2014 Orion really does do this, even served in normal glassware to those of us in normal cloth, and even so soon after bottling.

with all best wishes,

Sean

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