LAINE BOSWELL SELECTIONS

OLIVIER ROTEN

A many generation, family owned winery located in the heart of the Swiss Alps. Stewards of the mountainous terrain in which they live, breathe and work with their hands, the Roten family pays tribute to their homeland by producing wines of clarity, depth, freshness in the spirit of the Alps. The Caves du Paradis winery and vineyards are located in the township of Sierre at the center of Switzerland's Valais region. Winemaker Olivier Roten is the third generation in his family to produce wine in this mountainous area along the Rhone River. The Roten family's vision has always been to preserve traditional grape varieties and to ensure that their wines reflect the unique alpine terroir in which they are grown. While implementing new techniques and approaches, Olivier remains true to the core family philosophy of using sustainable farming practices and intervening as little as possible in the winery.

Humagne Rouge

REGION	Les Bernunes, Coteaux de Sierre, Valais Central
APPELLATION	AOC Valais
VARIETALS	100% Humagne Rouge
SOIL	Limestone, sandy and rocky soil
VINEYARD ELEVATION	500 meters in elevation (2,000 feet)
VITICULTURE	Sustainable viticulture (in organic conversion), steep slopes, maintained only by hand, hand harvested
WINE MAKING	Fermented in stainless steel with full malolactic fermentation and aged at least 6 month in concrete tanks
TASTING NOTES	Humagne Rouge is an indigenous variety from a grape-growing region in the Swiss and Italian Alps that is called the "alpine arc." Humagne Rouge ripens late and is often described as being somewhat wild and rustic with more tannic structure than its counterpart, Pinot Noir. It is also known as the second greatest red wine of the Valais region. On the nose, this wine has a floral component of violets with a touch cocoa powder. On the palate, it displays darker wild fruits and is a perfect accompaniment to game or other more delicate meats. The wine is vinified in stainless steel tanks and goes through full malolactic fermentation.