

Jancis Robinson, MW

“I (Jancis Robinson) have FINALLY got round to pulling the corks under the turquoise capsules! (I know I have been HORRIBLY slow but it was mainly because I thought they would be interesting and I didn’t want to do it carelessly.)

I was right. Good for you! So, here are my notes. Where can one buy them?

Totem, Ibizkus 2008 Vino de la Tierra Ibiza 16 Drink 2010-12

(...) Looks quite mature. Lots of rich ruby colour and rich ruby nose. Lots of sweetness. I can honestly say this is the best Ibizan wine I have ever tasted! Obviously dry grown but no painful lack of juice. Some freshness. I’m sure this stands out on the island and it’s really interesting. Not reduced. Quite burly. By no means unlike a mature Bandol – a Bandol that’s older than 2008(...)13%

Totem 2007 Vino de la Tierra Ibiza 16.5 Drink 2010-11

(...) Smells very sweet and alluring with quite a bit of evolution. A slight hint of salted fish! Lots going on there... Really interesting dusty with enough smoothness and fruit. (...) worthy of investigation. Just falls off a bit on the finish. 12.5%

Totem, Etoile du Nord Vin de Table 17 Drink 2010-12

(...) Mid ruby. Very rich, round, sweet, gamey and voluptuous but saved from flab by the exciting minerality of the soil. Probably the best value of these wines. No excessive heat. Refined stuff – better than many Maury reds I have tasted – cooler and smoother. But certainly not anodyne. Big and bold in Châteauneuf mould, though obviously hairier (the Grenache being the hairy leaved sort). Quite developed already. 14.5%

Totem, Clos du Nord 2008 Vin de Pays des Côtes Catalanes, 16 Drink 2010-12

(...) Quite dark ruby. A little reduced on the nose. Round and supple and sweet but simpler than the Etoile du Nord. And rather aggressive on the finish. A bit of Carignan rawness? Falls away on the end a bit. 14.5%

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