

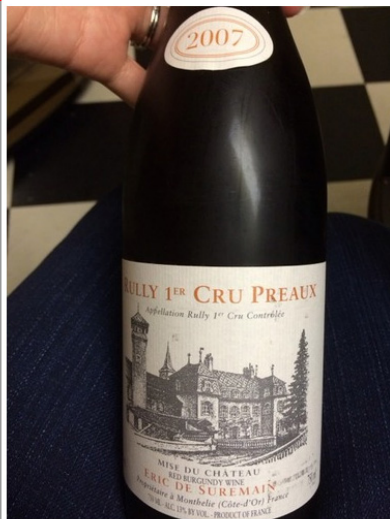
Cynthia Hurley French Wines Recommendations

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Eric de Suremain Rully Preaux 1er cru 2013

One of my Best-Value Premier Cru Burgundies



Eric's Rully Preaux premier cru red burgundy label from an earlier vintage

Many of you already know that Eric de Suremain has got a talent for making wine that far out-strips its appellation. Rully Premier Cru Preaux may not have the household name status of other Burgundy appellations, but that's fine by me because it keeps the prices down on this hidden gem.

Well, maybe not so hidden that Neil Martin of the Wine Advocate didn't beat a path to Suremain's door and slap a 90-point review on this beautiful bottle a couple vintages back.

Neil Martin describes Suremain's 2010 Rully Premier Cru Preaux: "The Preaux has a fresh, ripe bouquet of dark plum, a touch of crushed stone and quince all with fine delineation. The palate is very smooth on the entry and shows good substance and depth with just a hint of leather on the finish. This is very expressive and probably built to age longer than most people will allow. Tasted January 2012." 90 pts. Neal Martin in The Wine Advocate on the 2010 Suremain Rully 1er Cru Preaux

Suremain's 2013 Rully Premier Cru Preaux is just as beautiful. [Vinous](#) says the "2013 Red Burgundies are fascinating and challenging. Although weather conditions were tricky in 2013, the growing season benefited from low yields and potentially long hang time."

Every time I have a shimmering glass of Suremain's Rully, I wonder why everybody is not incurably attached to French Pinot Noir. "Why, there's nothing quite like it," I say to myself as the swirl of berries fills my mouth. And everytime I open a bottle, I taste how it ages so gracefully.

The flavors are embedded in every molecule and they skip across my taste buds scattering black cherry, raspberry, minty and leathery and sprinkled with chocolaty fairy dust along the way. A refill, please.

You already know my Burgundy philosophy: find the passionate, talented growers in lesser-known appellations that deliver the complete Pinot Noir character without the big price tag. Sure, invest in a few bottles of the hallowed ones, but keep the Rully on hand by the case to drink as often as you like. Rully is an important part of Burgundy, just south of the more famous Cote de Beaune.

Eric de Suremain moved to biodynamic farming in 1996. He was way ahead of his time and still is. Eric de Suremain does not embrace every little technological miracle that comes along. He still believes in getting up close and personal with his grapes by practicing *pigeage* -- good old-fashioned foot-stomping. His yields are very low. His vines are old. He is restrained when it comes to new wood. Eric's wines remain in barrel for as long as two years. His wines are long-lived and will drink well up to ten years or more.

His philosophy about winemaking sounds simple, but is really profound: "there are no *petites annees*, it is just the balance which counts." This means that he is a flexible winemaker who adjusts for the variables in every vintage. He doesn't try to match the juice to his winemaking, he matches his winemaking to the juice and it is that skillful balancing act that makes a wine seem like a seamless wave of pure, expressive, ripe, Pinot flavor.

-Margot Hurley, Cynthia Hurley French Wines

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The de Suremain Chateau in Burgundy which is pictured on the label

The Details

**Eric de Suremain Rully Preaux
Premier Cru Rouge 2013**

12-bottle case \$359.88 (\$29.99)

Harmonious fruit and soft tannins.
This is a remarkable value for Red Burgundy of this quality.

The pricing and sale of any wine is made only by a licensed retailer who will arrange for delivery on behalf of the customer at \$6 per case. There is a \$15 per case supplement for delivery addresses west of the Mississippi River. As always, all sales are subject to an 8% charge to cover NJ Sales Tax where applicable and freight.

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