



Vendanges : 10 septembre 2007

Cépages : Grenache red (the main varietal of the vineyard), Mourvèdre, Syrah, Cinsault, Clairette, Vaccarese, Counoise

Rendement : 34 hl/ha

Production: 220 caisses/an

Culture

Desiring to enhance the characteristics of our privileged Terroir at La CABOTTE, we switched to Bio-DYNAMIC farming. Our aim is to achieve more harmony and natural balance between the organisms that regenerate our soil and environment and the biological cycles of Mother Nature.

Terroir

This hilly alluvial terrain is sprinkled with small round quartzite stones and the substratum is mainly brownish and red clay, mixed with sand; they were furiously worn down by the Rhone River during the quaternary era. This allows the roots of the vines to dive far down to get water and supply for its growth. The annual sunshine exposure is quite high. This unique, well drained, "terroir" allows our vines to reach optimum maturity of the grapes.

Vinification / Elevage

After the first sorting out of the grapes done during the picking in the vineyard itself, the grapes are carried out to the winery, in small plastic boxes of 25 kg. There are sorted out another time if necessary. The stalks are then taken away and the grapes are put in the vats. Vinification, during which some punching down of the grapes are made every day and vatting of the wine resting on its lees, lasts approximately 3 weeks in the temperature controlled vats. The ageing takes place for 15 months in oak barrels prior to bottling in the specially embossed Chateauneuf-du-Pape traditional local bottle

Dégustation/ accompagnement

Our "Vieilles vignes" Chateauneuf-du-Pape has a deep ruby bright colour. Its aromas are reminiscent of red and black fruits together with the scented plants of the area. When the wine has reached more maturity, the spice flavours become more intense and rounded. In the mouth it shows an excellent combination of power and richness. It is soft to start, fills the mouth and although it has a solid body, does not lack freshness which gives its elegance in the long lasting finish.

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