

VARIETY

GRENACHE NOIR, MOURVÈDRE, CALADOC



VINES

AGROFORESTRY PARCEL



SOIL

TERRACES OF LIMESTONE GRAVEL AND SILEX



FERMENTATION

WHOLE CLUSTER AND SEMI-CARBONIC MACERATION



AGING

CONCRETE TANKS, 12 MONTHS



90 2020

«This unusual Cotes-du-Rhone has stacks of vibrant black fruit character from whole cluster fermentation plus a hint of violets. Bold and fresh with refreshing tannins and acidity (...) very bright finish».

CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE

Appellation d'Origine Protégée



N° HC-988



Lieu dit **SAINT ANTOINE**

TASTING EXPERIENCE

A moment suspended in time, at the center of the elements. A singular invitation to escape and indulge, a quest for new sensations.

A WORD FROM THE WINEMAKER

Located just outside the Plan de Dieu AOP, the Saint Antoine parcel is planted with a Grenache old vine we've grafted with select Mourvèdre and Caladoc vines. With its superior limestone terroir, this secret corner of the Côtes du Rhône faces the breathtaking Dentelles de Montmirail mountains.

The wind gusts almost every day here. And the harsh sun, which leaves the soil dry and dusty in the summer, makes it impossible to plant anything but a few garrigue plants, aromatic, prickly or with tough leaves.

To temper this arid climate, we have planted trees, bushes and shrubs to provide the vines with humus and shade, and to help keep them cool. When we made the choice to use an agroforestry system, we made the choice to support biodiversity. Local fauna, flora and mushrooms make the crops more resilient, and more resistant to climate change. For us, this was much more than just a new system, it was an entire paradigm shift.

I tend to think that great wines can only be born of great grapes. We have managed to bottle this ethos by pampering and spoiling our grapes, harvesting them when they are fully ripe and their stalks have started to turn red. In the cellar, the fermentation process is simple, partly whole-cluster and in concrete tanks; nothing out of the ordinary. The extraction method is gentle, with cocotte maceration and authentic aging in raw concrete to bring out the essence of the terroir.

This method brings to bear a noble wine, superlative, relatively light in color, very fruity with infinitely soft tannins. In good years, it rivals even the greatest Bourgognes!

ROMAIN LEROY

