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BENASTRA

La Petite Soeur
Côtes du Roussillon 2016

Where

The appellation of Côtes du Roussillon in the south of France, near St Paul de Fenouillet, in the Agly valley.

Producer and Winemaker

Gifted young winemaker Joseph Paillé started to work in his family's vineyards at the age of 13 whilst still at school. After working in the Roussillon, Burgundy, Canada and then Virginia, USA, he returned home to France where he helped to establish the now internationally renowned vineyard of Pithon Paillé in the western Loire. Having relocated to the Roussillon, Joseph is steadily building a reputation for wines that demonstrate the vitality and individuality that this region is able to produce when in the right hands.

Grapes and terroir

'La Petite Soeur' is a fruit forward cuvée. 20% Syrah, 10% Grenache Noir, 40%Lledoner Pelut and 30% Carignan.

Lledoner Pelut, also spelt or known as Lladoner Pelud, the downy leaved variant of Grenache and known as Grenache Poilu, in the south of France. Both wine and vine closely resemble Grenache Noir but is less susceptible to coulure and therefore yields more consistently and usefully reaches physiological ripeness and lower sugar levels.

The earth is a mixture of metamorphic limestone to 250m above sea level and granite at 500m.

Viticulture

Traditional cultivation, with ploughing. Vines are trained in gobelet form on wires, no use of pesticides or chemical fertilisers, in conversion to organic, hand harvesting.

Production

15,000 bottles

Vinification & maturation

Whole bunch maceration, indigenous yeasts and with minimum SO2 added. Sterile filtration during bottling.

Maturation is for 6 months, 70% in concrete tanks, 30% in 400 litre, five use oak casks.

Closure	Cork
Alc	13%
Res Sugar	0.8 g/l
Acidity	2.56 g/l
Barcode bottle	
Barcode case	
Case size	20.5x24.5x17.5cms
Case weight empty	0.34kg
Case weight full	0.34kg
Cases per pallet VMF	135
Layers per pallet VMF	9
Suitable for vegetarians	Yes
Suitable for vegans	Yes
Organic	Yes
Biodynamic	No

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