

MAS DE SAINTE CROIX



Passion d'une Terre *Cotes du Rhône Villages Valréas*

Terroir.

- Southwest oriented hillsides and plateaux at an altitude of approximately 400 m, on the plateau between Valreas and Vinsobres. Cool nights.
- clayey and limy conglomerate terrains of Late Miocene age ; pebbles content ranges from 10 to 50% ; rather poor soils with an ideal hydric reserve

Vintages

- 75 % *grenache* and 25 % *mourvèdre* (between 45 and 50 years old)

Wine making process.

- Both manual and mechanical harvest
- Destemming and crushing ; vatting in stainless steel tanks
- Addition of yeast if necessary
- First half of fermentation at a temperature of 18 to 20° with daily rackings to extract fruits and aromas
- Second half of fermentation at higher temperature (25 to 30°) with pumpings over to enhance tannin extraction
- Long maceration time (around 30 days) to favour tannin softening and colour stabilisation
- Racking according to tasting, when tannic structure is well rounded
- Malo lactic fermentation
- Ageing for about 12 -18 months in concrete tanks
- Several rackings to clarify the wine
- Minimal filtering before bottling

Tasting.

- Nicely shining, dark purple red medium coloured wine

- Early blackberry nose a bit discrete but opening with time on complex and dense notes of humus and underwood, with touches of spices and cloves (typical of mourvèdre)
- Fresh and fruity attack in the mouth nicely supported by a well rounded and soft tannic structure, ending with fullness and generosity in a long tasting persistence

Food and wine association

- To be served at temperature between 16 to 18°
- Can be enjoyed right now but will benefit from a 3 to 5 years ageing
- Ideal with red meat, game, stew, strong cheeses...particularly for autumn or winter cooking, warm and hearty meals

Press and award

- **91** Wine Spectator (Vintage 2017)
- **90** Wine Enthusiat (Vintage 2017)
- **90** Wine Spectator (Vintage 2015)
- **90-92 RP** Wine Advocate (Vintage 2015)
- **Bronze** at the International Wine and Sipirt Competition 2014. (vintage 2012)
- **Two stars** on the Guide Hachette des Vins 2014 (vintage 2011)
- **Silver** at the Decanter World Wine Award 2013. (vintage 2011)
- **Silver** at the “ Concours mondial de bruxelles 2013 ” (vintage 2011)
- **Gold** at the “Concours Général Agricole de Paris 2013”. (vintage 2011)
- Wine and spirit October 2008 (Supplément Côtes du Rhône) : **Top Ten : Côtes du Rhône and Côtes du Rhône Villages (vintage 2005)**
- **Gold** at the at the “ Concours mondial de bruxelles 2010” (vintage 2005)
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