Château Puech-Haut Recantou red

AOP Languedoc 2016

Grape Variety

100% Syrah

<u>Vineyard</u>

20 km North East from Montpellier, Puech-Haut' soils spread out on 250 ha between 50 and 150 m height. This terroir made of round pebbles on top of a 4 meters clay layer has a Mediterranean climate.

Vintage notes

Two phenomena have particularly disoriented the winegrowers of Languedoc Roussillon this year.

Autumn 2015 and winter 2016 were exceptionally dry with rainfall totals between 1st November 2015 and 1st March 2016 were around 100 mm only. But in the same time winegrowers saw mild temperatures throughout the Languedoc. Temperatures were 2.6 °C higher than seasonal norms (hottest winters since 1990 in France).

Harvests have been delayed by 10 days due to the hot summer temperatures couple with a moderate water deficit.

Winemaking Notes

The grapes came into the winery separately and very early in the morning (2 to 8 AM) and maceration in concrete tanks last 200 days for the Syrah. Vinification in whole clusters is made in concrete tank as well. 100% of the wine is aged in 228 liters barrels for 14 months. The oak barrels are coming from Burgundy oak forests or Tronçais forest. Medium toast or medium +. No fining and no filtration. Small use of the sulfite during the vinification.

Tasting Notes

Definitely a deep red colour. The nose is elegant with notes of Spices, black peper, cocoa, cherry brandy, fireplace and raspberry. The palate is powerful and generous with a lot of length on spices and ripe fruit. Tannins are really smooth. We do not forget the touch of garrigue at the end. a very great classic Languedoc wine.

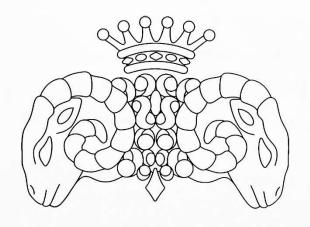
62,3 total acidity; 3,68 pH;

ABV: 15 % Sugar < 1

Production: 200 cases

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