



OPALINE ROSÉ - COTEAUX VAROIS EN PROVENCE 2017

Description

APPELLATION: AOP Coteaux Varois en Provence

Located on a clay-limestone Triassic plateau in the Var midlands at the foot of the 2 massifs (La Sainte Baume and La Loube), the vineyards are at an altitude of 360 m and benefit from a « highlands » Méditerranéan climate.

The combination of moderate temperatures and good ventilation is very beneficial for the vines, making it possible to reduce treatments for parasites to the strict necessity.

As the harvest reaches maturity, the high variation between daytime and nighttime temperatures is particularly favorable for developing the grapes' full aromatic potential.

The average age of the vine stock is 15 years, with a density of 4,000 plants/Ha.

The average yield is approximately 50 hl/Ha.

Viticulture

65 % Grenache, 20 % Syrah, 15 % Cinsault.

2017 Harvest: The winter in Provence was soft and dry, the Spring also was dry the months of May and June cooler than average, so the vine arrived in perfect sanitary condition at the beginning of the summer, which was very hot.

With some localized storms which were welcome, so that maturity can be reached without too much constraint. This makes 2016 a very balanced vintage, with clean, fresh acidity and aromatics wines.

Production: 250.000 Bottles

Vinification

Wine is made separately from each grape variety ; the Syrah undergoes direct pressing, while the Grenache and Cinsault undergo slight pre-fermentation maceration.

The juices are then settled, and the alcoholic fermentation takes place at between 17 and 18°C. There is no malo-lactic fermentation.

Slight clarifying is then performed, and early bottling.

Winemaker : Gilles BAUDE

Analysis

PH: 3.30

Total acidity : 3.5 g/l TH2

Residual sugar : 1.2 g/l

Alcohol : 12.60% vol

Tasting Notes

With a light pink colour, the refined and elegant nose subtly reveals notes of citrus fruit.

Beautiful fresh, harmonious mouthfeel, with some roundness and texture which ends with an everlasting aromatic persistence.

