

Domaine
Le Clos des Cazaux



Les Grains de Novembre



Grape Variety: 100% White Grenache.

Land: Slopes of Aptien cobalt or grey clay.

Maturing: 2 years in barrels

Winemaking: Harvested at up to 24° potential alcohol content. Alcoholic fermentation to 14% vol and 150 g/l sugar left.

Fortified with SO₂.

Date of Harvesting: Between the 15th Oct. and 15th Nov. Sorted three times.

To Drink: Should be served at 14°c. Bottle should be opened 30 mins. before serving.

This slightly crazy wine was born partly from observation and mostly from a dream. In fact we noticed that the white Grenache grape, normally an early variety and generous in alcohol, had, from time to time at the harvest, a few grains per grape which had a lovely violet colour and were slightly dried up by noble rot. Naturally the sugar concentration was exceptional! The only problem was to verify if the same phenomena extended to all the grapes if we pushed back the date of harvesting.

Over the years (and with some harvests remaining on the vines!), we noticed that this dream was only possible on every 4th line of vines and in a very specific aerodynamic exposure throughout the domain. It's the price to pay for making a white liqueur wine in the Côtes du Rhône! As a result, naturally, the production of this nectar is a bit secret given that we make only one barrel in the good years!

The result is surprising and incomparable. It has a tile-red colour with an orange hue. On the palate it is aromatic, giving tastes of dried apricot, pineapple, and in passing, a hint of lavender honey, quince, cinnamon, caramel, pear and grilled almonds. One can appreciate it on its own which allows you to, at your ease, analyse and appreciate its varying perfumes. Try it at the beginning of meal with foie gras and sweet onion preserve, with parsley cheeses which are always in harmony with great liqueur wines or during dessert with dried fruit cake (apricots, figs & nuts). It can harmonise with all of the above due its lovely balance of residual sugars.

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