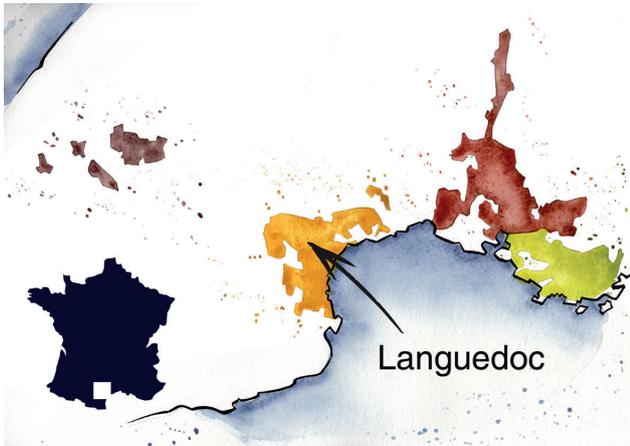




LES ROUCAS CABERNET SAUVIGNON



Our Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards have limestone and clay soils located throughout the eastern Aude and western Hérault. These departments are known for their diverse climates, relatively arid temperatures and rough terrain. But the wind direction in Puichéric (Aude) is usually Atlantic and quite cooler, bringing with it much more precipitation than the Mediterranean winds that blow over Beziers (Hérault) and onto St. Chinian.

Almost all the Cabernet Sauvignon is on limestone and clay soils. Cabernet ripens well in the Languedoc and we are harvesting much later than our neighbors to emphasize the fruit and diminish the naturally herbaceous character of this varietal. Our yields are between 50 and 75 hl./ha. depending on the vineyard capacity and the rainfall. With our heat, we do a lot of work in the vineyards to keep the sugar levels down. This gives us a fruit profile conducive to creating ready to drink wines that are fruit driven.

To diminish the tannins and create round, less structured wines with great color, we thermo-vinify about 80% of the production. This process of heating the berries and breaking down the skins and pulp lets us skip the entire maceration stage and go to fermentation in just a day. The other 20% is traditionally macerated for about 2 weeks and is then sent to fermentation. In the thermo, we get great color but lose almost all the tannins and some aromatic components. The part that we traditionally vinify replaces the lost elements and governs the aromatic profile with a nose of pure red fruit and violets.

Our house style is to emphasize varietal fruit character and to be approachable 6 months after the harvest. Our Cabernet has very generous fruit and a weighty mouthfeel with primary aromas of red fruit in the nose. With the soft tannins, the wine goes great with almost anything from pizza to steak.

Serve cool 15°-17°C (60°-65° F)
100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alc : 13.43 alc/vol.
VA : 0.52 g/ H₂SO₄/l.
RS: 4.3 g/l
ph : 3.9



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