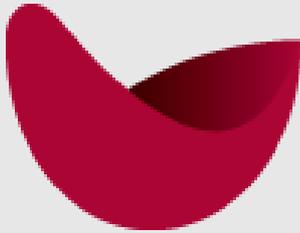


Les Volets Pinot Noir, Pays de la Haute Vallée de l'Aude



Producer: Les Volets
Winemaker: Eric Monnin
Country of Origin: France
Region of Origin: Roussillon
Grapes: Pinot Noir 100%
ABV: 12.5%
Case Size: 6x75cl
Vintage: 2015
Suitable For: Vegetarians and Vegans
Closure Type: Screw Cap



The One-Liner

Purity and integrity are the hallmarks of this competitively priced Pinot Noir.

Tasting Note

Darkly-stained diaphanous red with upfront aromas of freshly picked raspberries and an underlying savoury leesiness. Fleshy red fruits and jam continue to the palate and are met with structured tannins and acid - the foundations of a serious Pinot Noir.

In The Vineyard

Grapes are sourced from the wild, rugged landscape of Pays Cathare that surrounds the towns of Carcassonne and Limoux with its argilo-calcaire sub strata and home to the AOP Languedoc and Limoux but the vineyards do not stop with the AOP geographical limits and it is from these outskirts that we have sourced some exceptionally interesting wines. One of the great advantages of the region is that it benefits from enviable geographic and climatic conditions allying the warm Mediterranean sunshine which is tempered by the altitude and the cooler nights so characteristic of the foothills of the Pyrenees. These are ideal conditions allowing for the longer, slower ripening of the grapes, providing a superb base for the elaboration of wines that offer intensity, complexity and finesse. The traditional 'noble' grape varieties of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir have a natural affinity here in the Haute Vallée de l'Aude, as does the less widespread Malbec (originally known in France as Cot).

In The Winery

Made from mostly hand-picked grapes, this wine has been vinified in large, old oak barrels which impart texture and intensity.

Awards & Press

2013 Vintage: Sommelier Wine Awards 2015 - Bronze

2010 Vintage: Decanter World Wine Awards 2012 - Bronze

2013 Vintage: "Roger Jones of The Harrow at Little Bedwyn appreciated this wine's 'lovely colour' and delicate perfume: 'Fresh, clean Pinot-style, soft red fruits in a juicy, raspberry crumble and sour cream style. Food friendly with a long finish.'" Sommelier Wine Awards 2015, Judges Comments

2010 Vintage: "Very elegant Pinot Noir nose. Pleasant, easy drinking." Decanter magazine, October 2012

Notes

Showing all the signs of longevity and potential for cellaring.