



2016 ROSÉ

'Chêne Bleu' means blue oak tree which forms the centerpiece of the label and which stands guard over the vines in real life (a centuries old oak tree that died during a drought and has now been painted with Bordeaux Mixture and sculpted into a beautiful shape. The picture on the label surrounding it is filled with many of the elements that make the wine and the project unique.

Embedded in the drawing are dozens of references to what defines Chêne Bleu, taking into account the property's history, its terroir, the cast of characters, values and philosophy.

VINEYARD NOTES

Appellation: IGP Vacluse (Indication Geographique Protégée Vacluse)

Name: La Verriere

Age of Vines: 60 years

Size of Vineyard: 30 hectares (74 acres) under cultivation

Exposure: Northwest-facing slopes

Elevation: 530 meters (1,739 feet)

Density: 4,300 vines/hectare (1,740 vines/acre)

Soil: Clay and limestone, very stony

Pruning Method: Double cordon de Royat, 6 shoots per cordon

Viticulture: Organic and biodynamic practices

Harvest Dates: September 28–October 24

Yields: 27 hl/ha (2 tons/acre)

2016 VINTAGE NOTES

The 2016 harvest endured a wet winter and rainy spring, but an arid summer. Although two big rainfalls caused some concern during the harvest months, the majority of September and October was mostly sunny and dry, which created perfect conditions for the rosé.

WINE NOTES

Fermentation: Direct press, skin contact at time of pressing for 1.5 hours; very cold fermentation for 5 weeks, 75% in stainless-steel tanks, 25% in French oak barrels

Aging: 25% of the wine was aged for 3 months in French oak barrels; mix of new and one-year-old with light toast

Fining: With green pea powder

Filtration: Tangential

Bottled: February 28, 2017

Varietals: 67% Grenache, 18% Syrah, 5% Cinsault, 5% Mourvedre, 5% Rolle

Alcohol: 13%

TA: 5.8g/L

pH: 3.3

Cases Produced: 3,800 (6/750ml)

Cases Imported: 1,300

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Clear, pale rose pink

Nose: Strawberries and citrus with hints of jasmine blossom

Palate: Expressive summer fruits, fresh, full-bodied, crisp and long on the finish

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