



CHÊNE BLEU



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Vegan

# 2012 HÉLOÏSE IGP VAUCLUSE

## STORY OF HÉLOÏSE

Héloïse and Abélard (our other flagship red wine) are one of history's most celebrated couples, known for their intellectual brilliance, passionate love affair, eloquent letters and the tragedy that cruelly separated them. Sometimes referred to as "the Romeo and Juliet of France," they were actually far more complex and accomplished individuals, and their love spanned many decades during the Middle Ages until the end of their lives, making it a symbol of enduring romantic love. The perfumed, intense but restrained character of this Syrah blend reminded us of Héloïse, whose intellect was matched by passion which, though bridled, never died.

## VINEYARD NOTES

<b>Varietals:</b>	65% Syrah, 31% Grenache Noir, 4% Roussanne
<b>Age of Vines:</b>	Grenache - over 40 years old; Syrah - 30 years old
<b>Exposure &amp; Elevation:</b>	Grenache - northwest facing; 530 meters (1,738 feet) Syrah - southwest facing; 540 meters (1,771 feet)
<b>Soil:</b>	Clay and limestone, very stony
<b>Pruning Method:</b>	Double cordon de Royat, 6 shoots per cordon
<b>Viticulture:</b>	Organic and biodynamic practices

## WINE NOTES

<b>Fermentation:</b>	In wooden tanks, with skin maceration for 5 weeks; 100% malolactic
<b>Barrel-Aged:</b>	18 months in mix of old and new French oak from various coopers, primarily 228-liter (60-gallon) barrels with medium and medium-plus toast; plus 12 months in concrete tank
<b>Fining and Filtration:</b>	Unfined, unfiltered Bottle-Aged: 2 years
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14%

## TASTING NOTES

<b>Appearance:</b>	A deep, brilliant crimson color.
<b>Nose:</b>	Complex with aromas of truffle, dark fruits and blackberries with fragrant hints of violet.
<b>Palate:</b>	Complex yet balanced, both fresh and intense, voluptuous.
<b>Finish:</b>	Very long on the palate, with lingering notes of dark fruits and truffle.

## SERVING SUGGESTIONS

A generous and intense wine with strong aging potential, ideally suited to lamb, red meat and roasted vegetables. Decant for 2-3 hours and serve at room temperature.

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