

AOP MAURY DRY RED

The Château Saint-Roch is located in the heart of Roussillon, South of France, close to the Spanish border. Halfway between the Pyrenees and the Mediterranean sea, the Queribus Cathar castle 'KERBUCCIO', set on a steep cliff, overlooks the valley and the mosaic of our vineyard.



Stony, black schist soil, with loam, in the Agly Valley.

Varietals:

Old Vines, 50% Syrah - 35% Grenache - 15% Mourvèdre

Winegrowing:

High Environmental Value level 3 vineyard. Sustainable, low-impact farming, hand-harvested.

The Grenache and Mourvèdre are 'gobelet' - free-standing bush vines and the Syrah is trained on trellis wires.

Winemaking:

A first selective picking in the vineyard is followed by a second selection in the cellar.

Grapes are chilled to $5^\circ c$ for 15 days into a refrigerated container, then heated to start to ferment into 500L French new oak barrels. Aging 18 months in barrels.

Jean-Marc Lafage's tasting notes:

I named this wine after a famous, crumbling castle that dominates the vineyard where these grapes are grown. My aim was to create a dense and seamless wine with flavors or black cherries and violets, with an exotic and spicy finish. Perfect to sip on its own or with grilled steak or lamb.

