



CHÂTEAU SAINT-ROCH

OLD VINES RED

AOP COTES DU ROUSSILLON VILLAGES 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, set on a steep cliff, overlooks the valley and the mosaic of our vineyard.

Terroir:

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

Varietals:

Old Vines, 65% Grenache - 35% Syrah

Winegrowing:

High Environmental Value level 3 vineyard. The Grenache are 'gobelet' - free-standing bush vines and the Syrah is trained on trellis wires. Sustainable, low-impact farming, with hand-harvesting for the Grenache.

Winemaking

First selection as the bunches are cut, and second sorting of grapes at the cellar door. The fermentation is kept between 20-23°C to maximise the fruit expression and the wine is macerated for 4 weeks with pumping over and pigeages. 60% of the wine is matured in 500L oak barrels for 14 months, the rest in concrete tanks.

Jean-Marc Lafage's tasting notes:

A fruit-driven wine, with flavors of blueberries and cherries lifted by subtle hints of black olives, fresh herbs and delicate dark chocolate notes. This richly textured wine with sweet tannins captures the heady aromas of the Mediterranean.

Pair with grilled meat or hard cheese.

Awards:

92 Pts Jeb Dunnuck (2019 vintage)

