

`En Pente` Cahors Malbec 2014

Cahors, South West France, France



PRODUCER

Causse du Theron is a project in Cahors started by Antonio Morescalchi of Altos Las Hormigas in Argentina and his friend Pedro Parra, the renowned expert on vineyard mapping in South America. Following their first visit to Cahors in 2013, they became fascinated by the origins of Malbec and the region's diverse soils, especially the vines planted on Kimmeridgian limestone. They selected two vineyards owned by a local family as the wellspring of their Cahors Malbec project. The name, Causse du Theron, translates to 'hills of Theron', cause meaning hill in the local dialect.

VINEYARDS

This wine is named after the En Pente vineyard. The 28 hectare vineyard is located on terraces of Kimmeridgian limestone. The fruit for this wine comes from a 2 hectare plot towards the higher, steeper part of the slope.

VINTAGE

After a warm sunny spring, an unusually cool and damp summer followed. Fortunately, this was followed by a warm September and October which aided ripening prior to harvest.

VINIFICATION

After being harvested by hand, the grapes from the En Pente vineyard underwent fermentation at 28 °C in cement tanks using ambient yeasts. The wine spent 20 days on its skins with careful pump overs to aid extraction. The wine was then aged in tank for two years to add roundness to the wine. The wine was lightly filtered prior to bottling. No fining took place.

TASTING NOTES

The 'En Pente' has aromas of blueberry and raspberry fruits with mouth-watering acidity and round tannins. The wine has a long and scented finish that showcases the fresh and bright Malbec fruit.

Grape Varieties	100% Malbec
Winemaker	Sebastien Sigaud, Attilio Pagli & Leonardo Erazo
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13%
Residual Sugar	2g/L
Acidity	3.39g/L
Wine pH	3.43
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan