

Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence Organic Rosé 2019

Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence, Provence, France



PRODUCER

The Clos des Trois Sources vineyard is owned by Pierre Guénant, owner of Château Beaulieu and thus is run in the same meticulous manner. Cultivated organically since 1995, the vineyard is located in Rognes near Aix-en-Provence and is surrounded by woods and, as its name suggests, three water sources.

VINEYARDS

The vineyards are located in the picturesque Rognes hills to the north of Aix-en-Provence. Here the grapes benefit from both altitude and cooling sea breezes from the Mediterranean. Soils are composed predominantly of clay and sandstone - the water-retaining properties of the clay help to sustain the vines throughout the hot summers, protecting the vines from hydric stress. The vines are cordon trained and all of the vineyards have been farmed organically since 1995.

VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage was characterised by extreme weather. A warm and dry winter brought forward bud burst. This was followed by an uncharacteristically cool and rainy spring which led to some problems with flowering and fruit set and a slight reduction in yields. A warm and dry summer began with a heat wave in June. As the summer progressed, cooler nights counteracted the hot days, allowing the grapes to ripen at a good pace and retain good levels of acidity. The harvest took place between 20th September and 4th October, with all grapes picked at optimum ripeness.

VINIFICATION

A blend of 40% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 20% Cinsault and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, the hand-picked grapes were directly pressed upon arrival at the winery. Fermentation took place at low temperatures between 13 and 15°C in stainless steel tanks, in order to retain the delicate perfumes of the grapes.

TASTING NOTES

A delicate pale pink in colour. The nose is characterised by fragrant aromas of fresh redcurrant and strawberry fruit. A vibrant acidity on the palate carries these flavours through to the crisp and refreshing finish.

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Winemaker	Julien Raboin
Closure	Synthetic Cork
ABV	13%
Residual Sugar	0.3g/L
Acidity	5.64g/L
Wine pH	3.46
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Certified Organic, Vegetarian