

Famille Perrin 'Les Sélections Parcellaires',

Vinsobres `Les Hauts de Julien` 2021

Southern Rhône, France



Grape Varieties	50% Grenache
	50% Syrah
Winemaker	Pierre Perrin
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	0.4g/L
Acidity	5.8g/L
Wine pH	3.43
Bottle Sizes	75cl
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PRODUCER

Famille Perrin is one of the most recognisable names in the Southern Rhône. The fifth and sixth generations of the family now manage the extensive vineyard holdings and grower partnerships which stretch across the region, from Vinsobres to the Ventoux. The Famille Perrin 'Selections Parcellaires' is a result of the Perrin family's commitment to shining a light on the complexities of the best sites in the Southern Rhône Valley.

VINEYARDS

Unusually, this single vineyard is co-planted with 92-year-old Grenache and Syrah vines which generally ripen together, permitting a single harvest. Organically farmed, the vineyard is positioned on hillside terraces made up of limestone rock, stony soils and varying amounts of clay, which lends the wine both concentration and a stunning purity of fruit. The location of Vinsobres, at the northernmost limit of the Southern Rhône, combined with an altitude of 300 metres, provides a cooler climate for Syrah.

VINTAGE

The 2021 "winegrower vintage" is distinct for its remarkable freshness, that of which is similar to those in the nineties. The dedicated care and manual regulation given to the vines, proved significant for the quality achieved during this vintage. Frost episodes in April alongside a rain interrupted harvest meant dedicated vineyard management became vital. Despite hardship, the fruits of their labour flourished into a wine with plenty of freshness and lovely balance.

VINIFICATION

Upon entry to the vineyard the Grenache and Syrah are destemmed and co-fermented in temperature-controlled, stainless-steel tanks. The wine is then transferred to French oak barrels just before the maceration process concludes, following which the wine is aged for 18 months before being extracted for bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Intensely ruby red in colour, this wine opens on the nose with aromas of sweet red fruit, dark cherry, liquorice and smoke. On the palate, a combination of sandy soil and ancient vines make for a pure fruit texture with nuances of French oak, giving it a delightful finish.