

Boulevard Napoléon,
`Le Pal` Grenache Gris VdP de l'Hérault 2022
Minervois, Languedoc, France



Grape Varieties	100% Grenache Gris
Winemaker	Benjamin Darnault
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	3g/L
Acidity	5.8g/L
Wine pH	3.24
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Named after the street the winery is located on in the village of La Livinière, Minervois, Boulevard Napoléon is the partnership between restaurant owner Trevor Gulliver and winemaker Benjamin Darnault. Seeing the potential in the vineyards located by his holiday home, Trevor started making the wines and then showed them to his other partner, chef Fergus Henderson, who was more than impressed, as were we! Each wine is a classic expression of the varietal grown on the dry, stony slopes of the south of France - yet they retain a vibrancy and definition that marks them out from the crowd.

VINEYARDS

The Grenache Gris is sourced from a single vineyard situated on stony terraces in the high hills of the cru La Livinière, in the Minervois region. Here, soils are predominantly sandstone and clay and the bush vines are on average 56 years old. Given the age of the vines, the resulting wines have superb concentration, definition and character.

VINTAGE

2022 was an excellent vintage for the Languedoc. Generous rainfall in March created good water reserves in the soils. May saw above-average temperatures that prompted an early flowering. Summer was hot, meaning that careful management was needed in the vineyards to keep the fruit sunburn free and to avoid over concentration. However, the old vines with deeper root structures fared well in the heat and the grapes harvested were of excellent quality.

VINIFICATION

Upon arrival at the winery, the hand harvested grapes were gently whole-bunch pressed. Fermentation took place in used French oak barrels, and lasted 3 weeks. This was followed by an 18 month maturation in French oak barrels of which 20% were new. The wine was lightly filtered before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

A rich and supple wine with aromas of lime zest, white peach and subtle notes of hazelnut and smoke. The ageing in oak and on the lees gives this wine complexity and a great texture on the palate which is well-balanced with a mineral freshness and a bright, refreshing acidity, which lifts the finish.