

Boulevard Napoléon,
`L'Aberadou` Pur Cinsault de Schistes IGP Pays d'Hérault
2023
Minervois, Languedoc, France



Grape Varieties	100% Cinsault
Winemaker	Benjamin Darnault
Closure	Diam
ABV	14.4%
Residual Sugar	0.5g/L
Acidity	5g/L
Wine pH	3.65
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 Cinsault is sourced from a vineyard situated in the high hills of La Livinière at 400 metres above sea level. The 61-year-old bush vines grow on schist soils and produce low yields of grapes packed full of flavour.

VINTAGE

At the end of 2022, despite some soil water reserves, there was a winter rainfall deficit. The beginning of the season was difficult, with temperatures cooler than usual. Vegetative growth, far from explosive, even slowed down in dry parts. Until mid-August, the summer of 2023 was only moderately hot. It was at this point that high temperatures accelerated sugar loading on early ripening grape varieties, leading to a delayed start to harvesting. This climate continued to persist, causing berry withering and leaf drying. This heatwave played a significant role in the decline in harvest volumes. The 2023 vintage was quite complex at every stage, and the winemaker had to demonstrate much technical skill.

VINIFICATION

The grapes for this wine were carefully hand harvested. Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes were sorted by hand prior to destemming. Fermentation with gentle extraction techniques took place in stainless steel tanks and the wine was then aged for 12 months in neutral fibreglass tanks before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby in colour, this Cinsault is perfumed with a fruit-forward nose and hints of violet. On the palate grippy tannins give structure and a bright acidity carries the flavours onto the elegant finish.