

DOMAINE DE CASSAGNAU PINOT NOIR

IGP Pays d'Oc Rouge



OWNER/COMMUNE Jacques Abet / Pauligne

PITCH

With this cuvee, my aim was to pay tribute to Pinot Noir. Here at Cassagnau, this variety, which is absolutely emblematic of Burgundy's finest wines, has exactly the terroir it needs to express itself to the full. Like its compatriot, Chardonnay, the combination of Mediterranean and Atlantic climates provides the freshness and humidity it thrives on.

BACKGROUND

Family-owned since the eighteenth century, the estate owes its longevity to its women. Jacques' grandmother Berthe, who managed the estate for six decades, took it through two world wars and many viticultural crises. He inherited this family property from his mother, Jacqueline. Today, it's thanks to his wife Colette that Jacques, who had chosen to pursue a career in medicine, is able to satisfy his passion for winegrowing and for the terroir in which he grew up. You'll find Jacques in the tiny village of Pauligne near Limoux, at the heart of "Cathar country". For the past few years, thanks to passionate dedication, strict standards and an authentic approach, he has been breathing new life into the estate. Whenever the vines need him, he swaps his doctor's coat for winegrower's gear, driving the tractor, pruning or working in the winery with his oenologist. The scientist in him gives way to the farmer, repeating the same gestures as his ancestors before him. An enthusiastic head of a magnificent estate, this bon vivant has succeeded in reconciling his two activities of GP and winemaker.

SURFACE 30 ha

GRAPE VARIETIES

One of the estate's master cards lies in its hugely diverse mix of varieties – proof of the curiosity and open-mindedness of its renovator! Besides the Mediterranean varieties, Syrah and Grenache, you'll also find Atlantic varieties more typical of Bordeaux – Merlot and Cabernet – the Burgundy varieties of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, and last but not least, the time-honoured local varieties, Mauzac and Chenin Blanc.

TERROIR

The geographical situation of the Languedoc and the Atlantic climate are the defining influences when it comes to explaining the excellence and uniqueness of this terroir. Here, by an almost magical stroke of luck, two climates come together: the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. The Mediterranean influences make for generous wines, with the sunshine providing ripeness, while the westerly influence maintains the humidity and freshness that is necessary for the fruit to express itself fully. Rounding out the picture is the diversity of the soils: gravel terraces with large round pebbles predominate on the low slopes of the foothills of Pyrenees.


WINEMAKING/MATURING

The carefully picked grapes are transported to the winery and placed in cement vats. Meticulous care is taken during fermentation to allow the fruit and the personality of each grape variety to fully express itself. The wines are vat-aged, then blended for bottling at the end of the winter following the harvest. Every generation comes together at harvest time for a family grape-picking party.



Jacques Abet

 **VINTAGE 2017**

 **Alc: 12.5%**

TASTING NOTES

This wine has benefited from all the generosity of this 2016 vintage and the personality of its unique terroir. It is an elegant ruby hue with brilliant tints at the rim. The nose unashamedly displays the cherry notes so typical of Pinot Noir with a spicy, even peppery touch. The fresh palate, nicely set off by hints of violet and berried fruit, is silky and supple, with elegant tannins extending all the way to the enticing finish. A pinot noir that stands out from his native Burgundy. To discover...

AGEING

To drink from 2018 to enjoy its beautiful aromatic palette and its freshness. It will accompany perfectly your summer evenings with friends.

Blend

100% Pinot noir

BOTTLING

Bottled at the Domaine