

Château MontPlaisir – South Rhône Valley Cuvée MontPlaisir Safres 2021 – Côtes du Rhône Villages – Organic wine



Grape varieties

- Grenache: 60%

- Syrah and Carignan: 40%

The plots with Grenache and Carignan were planted in 1945. The Syrah in 1973. The vines are following organic regulations.

Terroir.

At 280 meters altitude, wineyards of Grenache and Syrah are surrounding Chateau MontPlaisir, in the municipality of Valréas, one whole plot of close to 4 hectares with western exposure on a fairly steep slope. Clay and sandy soil with safre close to the surface. The carignan is in another location, with soil limestone and clay covered with rolled pebbles that **store heat during the day**, and warm at night the old vines, thus participating to their perfect **ripening**.

These are **well drained** soils, which requires the vines **to develop their roots deeply**, in order to draw better the resources from the **sub soil**.

The Mistral, which often blows with force, **dries** the soil, but also **protects** the vines during their long period of growth.



Vinification and ageing

The grapes have been harvested manually, with selective sorting. Each variety is vinified separately. The grapes are **de-stemmed** and then left for a traditional maceration between 20 and 30 days depending on the variety, with regular pumping over of the juice and occasional punching down of the cap. A **light pressing** of the must, to supplement the juice obtained. As a result, the yield on the plots **hardly exceeds 20 HI**. Aging is in vats for six months before assembly and bottling. Alcohol content: 14.5 °.

This is an organic certified wine.

Tasting

Colour: Sustained, beautiful red color, lively garnet hue.

Nose: Oriented towards the aromas of fresh red fruits with delicate spicy background with fine aromas.

Mouth / taste: Full bodied and **soft** on the palate, with **silky** tannins and aromas of red fruits and spices. Well **balanced**, with **fresh** note. A **gourmand** wine.

To drink: from now until 2029.

Matching with food: Grilled or oven roasted dishes cooked with Mediterranean herbs (thyme, rosemary, savory, bay leaf, garlic).