RAMEAU D'OR

TASTING NOTES



Vintage

2021

Region

AOP Côtes de Provence

Cepage

Grenache, Carignan, Cinsault, Syrah

Terroir

This wine was crafted from vineyards located in the Cœur du Var department, in the heart of the Côte de Provence. Located on sunny slopes that boast cool and fresh nights, this is an optimum climate for high class rosé. The soil and sub-soil are composed of limestone from the Trias and the Jurassic period, with some clay-limestone variation.

Vintage

Harvest started at the end of August and described as being "historically low" (like the rest of France, Provence was impacted by the frost). Despite 2021 having been a particularly difficult year, the health and quality of the crop was very high. Compared to the 2020 vintage, the berries have a lower sugar content, with higher acidity: the perfect combination for producing fresh and elegant rosés. The higher acidity, linked with a lower PH, gives a slightly more intense colour to the wine. In addition, the Carignan and Syrah give darker shades to the wine.

Winemaking

From 30 year old vines, yielding 55hl/ha. Grapes are night harvested, when temperatures are cooler, to preserve crispness, aromas and to protect the berries from oxidation. The direct pressing is carried out in a pneumatic press, offering a softer pressing action. After a partial cold maceration, the alcoholic fermentation occurs at a low temperature (16-18°C). After clarification, the wine is matured in stainless steel tanks with regular stirring of the lees. The fine lees will protect the wine from oxidation and will bring complexity and texture to the blend.

Tasting Note

Pale pink with light purple hues. On the nose, delicate with notes of red berries and pomegranate. The palate is refreshing with a lovely density, laden with white peach, rose petals and zest. The finish offers hints of spices and mouthwatering watermelon. Striking a delicate balance between fruit weight, phenolic grip and lip-smacking mineral acidity - this is the Provence we know and love - très beau.