

2019 Inspiration Minerale

Clos Saint Sébastien Wines, Banyuls - Collioure, France



The Wine:

90% Grenache Gris / 10% Grenache Blanc. Entirely estate-grown fruit from a vineyard set on a cliff above the Mediterranean Sea. Hand-picked and gently sorted, wine is cold fermented in 400L oak casks and the lees are stirred daily for 15 days. The wine is aged for 9 months in 400-liter Stockinger Austrian Oak barrels.

The Estate:

Clos St. Sébastien draws from its 14 acres of A.O.C. property in the acclaimed Collioure district. This area is regarded as the best red wine-producing region in the Languedoc. All of the vines sit on steeply terraced slopes which cannot be harvested by mechanical means. They are grown without pesticides. This low-yielding philosophy results in wines of great quality and clear expression of the terroir in which they are grown. Winemaker Rommuald Perrone carefully oversees all aspects of wine production from vineyard to the bottle.

Tasting Notes:

Color: Light gold, almost platinum.

Aromas: Green melon, petroleum minerals, white peach and lightly toasted oak.

Flavor & Texture: Crisp peach and melon lead to saline notes and vanilla bean; the body is rich and creamy with acids that keep the wine lively and vibrant all the way through the finish.

Food Pairing: Fresh lump meat crab cakes served with a lemon and garlic aioli.

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