CASTELLUM 2016

IGP Cité de Carcassonne

Spirit of the place



Winegrower's note

In the Middle Age, Castellum refered to the central castle Castrum, a fortified village located on the heights of the Languedoc. The name evokes the fortifications of the City Carcassonne, classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. This medieval city, built during the 13th century and with an international reputation, attracts millions of visitors every year. Castellum is a selection of the best plots of the Domaine de l'Estagnère, located at the foot of this medieval fortress, between the Pyrenees and the Montagne Noire, with a Mediterranean climate tempered by the altitude and oceanic influences of the Atlantic.



Winemaker's note

The work begins in the vineyard with a meticulous work to obtain healthy and well-exposed foliage. The grapes must have an optimal level of maturity. A plot selection is carried out and the harvest is manual with de-stemming and berries sorting. The vinification is traditional. The grapes are destemmed and then a long vatting period is carried out with a temperature of 26°C in temperature-controlled vats to encourage the expression of the fruit. The pressing takes place taking care to separate the presses, then the wines are racked in order to eliminate the coarsest lees before the malolactic fermentation. The wines are then racked again and aged in French oak barrels.



Tasting notes

The robe is a dark and veiled garnet red. The nose reveals a great richness and aromatic complexity with intense aromas of rose petals and cold tobacco. A very nice balance in the mouth with complex notes of fruit and leather.

Serve at 16°C with a rack of lamb, game or cheese.



Grape varieties

Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec et Marselan





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