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Château L'Escarelle, Rosé, AOP Côteaux Varois en Provence, France, 2020



Producer Profile

Chateau de L'Escarelle of one of the most prestigious wine estates in the heart of Provence, with 100 hectares of organically certified vineyards set in 1,000 hectares of beautiful woodland.

In the past year this property has made impressive steps to establish itself as a major player of sustainable agriculture in France. In 2016 the estate achieved Haute Valeur Environnementale certification (France's most stringent environmental certification scheme, level 3), demonstrating their deep-rooted commitment to protecting the natural world. Their vines are planted at up to 500 metres above sea level, hugging the slopes of the Montagne de La Loube and adapting to the estates' clay and limestone soil profile. The terroir's distinctive character is perfect for creating highly-expressive, elegant Rosé wines.

Viticulture

Produced using organic farming methods from shallow clay-limestone & sand soils situated at around 250m / 820 ft. above sea level.

Winemaking

Mechanically-harvested in the early hours of the morning to obtain wine of an attractively pale colour. Grapes are completely destemmed. The approach to winemaking is by the traditional method in stainless steel vats: short period of skin maceration before pressing. Cold temperature settling is the next stage. Fermentation is temperature-controlled and malolactic fermentation avoided to retain those crisp, fresh aromas.

Tasting Note

The 'Château' is the most traditional – and the oldest – of their wines. It's blended in the traditional way, with a short maceration period – these wines are designed to be drunk fairly soon. Dependable, elegant and bursting with fruit. The ideal way to get to know the vineyard and taste the terroir. Delicate and elegant floral aromas with lively minerality on the palate, clean attack and delicious strawberry notes.

Food Matching

Perfect as an aperitif or an accompaniment to southern French dishes.

Awards

Vinous- Antonio Galloni 91 Points

Vivid onion skin. Incisive red berry and orange zest scents are complemented by emerging floral and herb nuances. Fleshy and dry, showing good heft to the strawberry and blood orange flavors, which are braced by a core of juicy acidity. Smoothly blends depth and energy and finishes long and gently spicy, with lingering florality and a hint of chalky minerals.' 91 Points, JR, June 2021.

Wine Enthusiast 90 Points

Grenache and Syrah dominate this soft, ripe wine, with ripe raspberry fruits that contrast with fresh acidity. The wine has weight and minerality as well as fruitiness. Drink from late 2021. Organic. 90 Points, RV, 2021

Technical Details

Varieties:

Syrah 40%
Grenache 30%
Cinsault 30%

ABV: 13%

Closure: Screw cap

Colour: Rose

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

Oak Ageing

No oak ageing