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Château L'Escarelle, Rosé, AOP Côteaux Varois en Provence, France, 2022

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

Awards

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

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