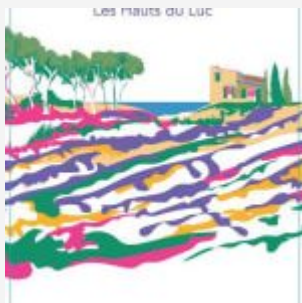


La Bernarde Les Hauts du Luc Côtes de Provence Rosé 2021

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Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2021
GRAPE Cinsault/Blend
GEOGRAPHY Europe
COUNTRY France
LARGER REGION Provence
SUB REGION Côtes de Provence

Rationale

Rosé wines have never been so popular as they are now and the oft-excellent versions coming from Provence in southeastern France are a significant reason why and a source of both volume... and quality. In two decades, Provençal rosé has become America's benchmark; we are the second-largest rosé consumer market in the world – with an exceptional increase in rosé consumption over the course of 10 years (+45%).

Today's Provençal rosés are very clearly defined and recognized as pale pink wines that are dry, minerally and delicate with notes of ripe citrus (tangerine, mandarin), soft tropical (think watermelon, guava and, at times, passion fruit), a kiss of peppery spice, and accompanied by a firm bright structure and arrestingly lean finish. They are relatively low in alcohol, pale pink in appearance wines, and made from a blend of Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah, and sometimes Mourvèdre. While dry rosés have not always been taken seriously at the table, they can be much more than an aperitif and their versatility gives one all sorts of options.

La Bernarde and their organically-farmed, traditionally-made wines are quietly staking a claim as one of the finest estates in Côtes de Provence. Certified organic and coming from southeast-facing vineyards planted on clay/limestone soils at 350 meters of altitude (and seeing snow most winters), this celebrated rosé is bright and mineral-focused, with fresh tangerine/orange, strawberry, and floral aromas. Chiseled and precise, the palate displays strawberry, blood orange, nectarine, and lavender nuances.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Star Bright
CLARITY Clear
COLOR DEPTH Medium
COLOR Salmon
RIM VARIATION Pink

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry
ACID High
PHENOLS None
ALCOHOL Medium
TEXTURE Lean / Tart
FINISH Med+
COMPLEXITY Med+

Aroma & Taste

RED FRUIT Red Raspberry • Strawberry • Red Currant • Pomegranate *Condition: Fresh*
CITRUS FRUIT Orange • Mandarin *Condition: Fresh, Ripe* *Part: Flesh, Peel / Zest*
TROPICAL FRUIT Melon (Orange) • Passion Fruit • Melon (Green) *Condition: Fresh*
STONE FRUIT Nectarine • Peach *Condition: Fresh*
FLORAL Lilac • Lavender *Condition: Fresh*
HERBAL Laurel / Bay Leaf • Garrique / Provence
INORGANIC EARTH Mineral / Rock
OAK AGING No
PERCEIVED WINEMAKING CHOICES Skin Contact