

CHATEAU CABEZAC MINERVOIS ROUGE

2019/\$17.99



DESCRIPTION

Gontran Dondain, fell in love with enology a long time ago thanks to his contact with the world of wine as a leader in the food industry. A passionate wine enthusiast he fell under the Languedoc's sun-drenched spell, and enchanted by its exceptional terroir, he acquired Château Cabezac in 1997 for its enormous potential. He worked tirelessly to improve the estate and restructure and modernize the winery with the help of his daughter Stephanie. In the last few years Stephanie has taken over the work of her father and continued to build on his success. At the beginning of 2020 Gontran passed away leaving the estate to Stephanie.

Located in the heart of the Languedoc-Roussillon region, in the south of France, Château Cabezac is a vineyard of 75 hectares classified in AOP Minervois. The Château Cabezac estate is located in the communes of Bize Minervois, Agel, and Ginestas. The property is spread over 5 localities in appellation Minervois Protégée. They practice sustainable agriculture.

Wine from the Languedoc-Roussillon region is produced in the South of France, ranging from the Mediterranean coast to Provence. Cabernet, Merlot, Mourvedre, Grenache, and Syrah are some of the most important red grapes in the region. The name comes from a combination of two distinct regions. The Languedoc is known for fruit-forward and full-bodied wines that can also be quite complex. Roussillon produces riper and juicier blends, as well as late-harvest and fortified wines. Most wineries in this region choose to produce blends, as opposed to single varietal wines.

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With bold fruit flavors and accents of sweet spice, Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre form the

base of the classic Rhône Red Blend, while Carignan, Cinsault and Counoise often come in to play. Though they originated from France's southern Rhône Valley, with some creative interpretation, Rhône blends have also become popular in other countries. Putting their own local spin on the Rhône Red Blend, those from Priorat often include Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. In California, it is not uncommon to see Petite Sirah make an appearance.

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Minervois Rouge is a blend of Syrah, Grenache, and Carignan grown on 20 year old vines. After being picked, the grapes are de-stemmed and crushed. The vinification and the maceration last between 15 and 20 days. A 'soft' extraction is performed by a gentle pumping over daily.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

The deep red colored robe features purple reflections. The aroma and palate are nicely integrated with notes of strawberry, rhubarb, dried lavender, and round tannins. The nose at first marked by notes of spices and pepper then opens up to reveal aromas of red fruits.

Palate:

The palate is suave, round, and full with hints of rosemary and licorice, and is typical of the Minervois. This medium-bodied wine is easy to sip with its floral characteristics and fruit-forward palate.

Pairing:

Pairs nicely with BBQ meats.

Winery Website: [Our Family | David Milligan Selections](#)

Fun Facts

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate– **90 Points**

The region is one of the oldest wine producing regions in France, said to date back to at least 6000 BC.

A.O.P. Minervois, Languedoc-Roussillon, France

