

# DOMAINE D'AUSSIÈRES



## CHÂTEAU D'AUSSIÈRES ROSÉ 2020

Aussières was built on a fertile ecosystem where nature and people come together to learn from each other and create. Our village is very much a living place, where dialogue is the cardinal value. A dialogue of many kinds: between the elements, between the generations that have labored its grounds, between its villagers and craftsmen, and between the wine world's different schools of thought. That is what moves us forward, ultimately creating wines that tell a story of place, respect and nuance.

### ■ VINEYARD ATTRIBUTES

**Appellation** : AOC Corbières, Languedoc-Roussillon, France

The estate is nestled in the rugged hills just behind the Mediterranean coastline of Narbonne, in the South of France.

**Terroir** : Specific plots have been selected for this wine, conducted with an organic farming approach. This wine will carry the in-conversion "CAB" label. During the entire vegetative season, the vines have been tended with the idea to produce a rosé that would render the complexity and finesse of its terroir.

The blend consists mainly of grenache noir, combined with Syrah. Thanks to the cooler situation of Aussières, our Grenache mature slowly, developing a wide palette of delicate fruity aromas. It contributes greatly to the elegance of the wine and confers its silky mouthfeel. Syrah adds a zest of freshness to the blend and contributes to the balance between generosity and tension.

### ■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

In 2020 a fairly mild winter led to an early budbreak and increased the threat of cryptogamic diseases. The summer was warm and relatively wet, with a warm and dry after season, without any heatwaves, which allowed the grapes to slowly reach their optimal aromatic potential whilst retaining sufficient acidity.

As we moved into the season the advance was reduced and the grapes were harvested ten days earlier than previous vintage.

### ■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

The wine making process presents as little intervention as possible in order to express the intrinsic quality of the grapes.

When arriving at the cellar grapes are immediately cooled down to preserve their aromatic freshness and left to macerate for a couple of hours inside the press to extract the finest aromatic component from the skins.

The grapes are then delicately pressed with a strict selection. Only the finest batches were kept for this premium rosé and overall, 50% of the initial volume had to be discarded.

The must is then kept for 10 to 15 days at a temperature between 3 to 5°C, we call it stabulation à froid, prior to fermentation.

20% of the wines are fermented in new oak barrels to add complexity to the wine whilst the rest is fermented in stainless steel tanks. Once fermentation is completed the wine is kept for four months on its lees with regular bâtonnage before being assembled and bottled.

Only 6000 bottles of this exceptional rosé were produced in 2020.

### ■ TASTING NOTES

The robe is clear and brilliant, delicately pink apricot in colour with cherry hues.

Overt and complex on the nose with flowery notes (white flowers) combined with acacia honey and toasted brioche.

On the palate, the wine develops a rich aromatic palette of summer fruit (peach, melon, red and black currant) laced with aromas of sour candy.

Round and powerful, this wine presents a great balance with a generous mouthfeel layered with notes of toasted almonds and hazelnuts and a refreshing backbone.

The wine is full with great persistence and hints of butterscotch on the final.



#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Varietals** : Grenache noir 74%, Syrah 26%

**Alcohol content** : 14.5 % vol.

**pH** : 3.38

**Total acidity** : 3.30 g/l