A D'AUSSIÈRES CABERNET SAUVIGNON - SYRAH 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 : IGP Pays d'Oc, France
The estate is nestled in the rugged hills just behind the Mediterranean coastline of Narbonne, in the South of France.

Terroir : The soil is very shallow and rocky on the slopes, and then becomes deeper and sandy in the flatter areas. Yields are kept intentionally low in order to conserve the vines' strength and to produce high quality grapes. The grapes come from the property's flattest, lowest areas, whose deep, well-drained soil under a layer of sandy silt provides optimal growth conditions for Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon, giving a touch of Bordeaux elegance to this blend.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The relatively mild winter in 2020 led to an early bud break and increased the threat of fungal diseases. A warm, relatively wet summer, with a hot, dry late summer period, without scorching high temperatures, allowed the grapes to reach their optimal aromatic potential slowly, while maintaining a sufficient level of acidity. As the growth cycle progressed, the vines lost some of their earliness and the grapes were harvested about ten days earlier than the previous vintage.

WINE MAKING SCHEME

The grapes are picked at optimal ripeness, destemmed and then vinified using traditional maceration methods.
The maceration period varies from 10 to 12 days with gentle extraction and fermentation at fairly low temperatures (around 25°C) in stainless steel vats in order to preserve the wine's full aromatic potential. Ageing is then carried out in vats so as to keep all of the fruit's freshness and purity.

TASTING NOTES

Intense ruby-red colour with dark glints of garnet.
Expressive nose with notes of ripe fruit and spices.
The palate offers a very refined, Mediterranean expression of Cabernet Sauvignon. Good length, with a very harmonious fresh fruit finish, supported by supple, silky tannins.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals : Cabernet sauvignon 55%, Syrah 45%
Yield : 60 hL/ha
Alcohol content : 13.5 % vol.
pH : 3.72
Total acidity : 2.97 g/l