

# DOMAINE D'AUSSIÈRES



## HAMEAU D'AUSSIÈRES DRAGON ÉDITION SPÉCIALE 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 Languedoc, Languedoc-Roussillon, France

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

**Terroir** : This traditional Languedoc blend is made predominantly of Syrah, with Carignan, Mourvèdre and Grenache, whilst the cooler terroir of Aussières confers the wine its exceptional balance and finesse.

### ■ VINTAGE SUMMARY

The relatively mild winter in 2020 led to an early bud break. 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, whilst maintaining a sufficient level of acidity.

As the growth cycle progressed, the vines lost some of their advance and the grapes were harvested about ten days earlier than the previous vintage.

### ■ WINE MAKING SCHEME

Hameau d'Aussières is made according to the traditional method. Alcoholic fermentation takes place in temperature-controlled stainless steel and concrete tanks. The Carignan partially undergoes carbonic maceration, contributing to its distinctive style. During fermentation regular pump overs allow a gentle extraction of the tannins and phenolic compounds. Once the fermentation is complete, the wine is left untouched for a couple of days. Total maceration time stretches 15-20 days.

### ■ TASTING NOTES

The 2020 vintage has a deep colour with glints of crimson.

The forthcoming nose opens with notes of ripe red fruit, accompanied by hints of sweet spices and roasted dried fruit.

Generous and well-balanced on the palate with aromas of blackberry and redcurrant accompanied by notes of liquorice and hints of pepper. This wine offers all the scents and flavours of the garrigue!

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Varietals** : Syrah 38%, Grenache noir 35%, Carignan 18%, Mourvèdre 9%

**Alcohol content** : 14.5 % vol.

