

ARCANE LE FOU NV VIN DE FRANCE

BLEND

The culmination of a long project from Xavier Vignon : the champagne blending style taken to its limits !

5 vintages from the most outstanding of recent years grown in 10 different terroirs in the southern Rhône valley (including Châteauneuf du Pape, Rasteau, Ventoux and high altitude parcels in Côtes du Rhône Village). The blend is composed of 15 different, mainly late ripening variations of Grenache with a variety of rootstocks (Rupestris du Lot, Fercal, Riparia Gloire de Montpellier, 41B), clones (old clones) and pruning systems (primarily gobelet trained vines).

85% Grenache, 5% Mourvèdre, 5% Syrah, 5% Caladoc (to impart spice and structure).

TERROIR

This blend is the most complex and well-honed vision of the southern Rhône Valley. It is difficult to speak of just one terroir but rather a myriad of different terroirs in which the grenache varietal thrives.

WINE MAKING

Cold pre-fermentation maceration for three weeks in order to ensure the full integration of the aromatic components and polyphenols whilst preventing the extraction of tannins from the seeds of the grapes. Followed by traditional maceration.

Ageing : 1/3 in French and Austrian oak barrels, 1/3 in truncated wooden vats, 1/3 in concrete vats.

AGEING POTENTIAL 10 to 15 years

SERVICE 15/17°C

FOOD AND WINE PAIRING

Duck à l'orange - Lamb and apricot tajine - Braised rib of beef - stuffed courgettes with rice, pesto and coriander - Mature cheeses

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The NV Vin de France Arcane Le Fou is another unique wine from this incredible winemaker. This cuvée focuses on different clones of Grenache as well as just about every permitted variety out there (although it's 85% Grenache). It has a big, sweet nose of blueberries, black cherries, lavender, and peppery incense as well as a full-bodied, layered, powerful yet seamless style on the palate. With no hard edges, silky tannins, and a big finish, it's a singular wine (it's mostly from vines in Châteauneuf Du Pape) to enjoy over the coming 10-15 years.



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