



ASTRALABE 2016



PURPOSE

A vibrant easy-drinking Grenache-Syrah blend, named after the real-life lovechild of famed medieval lovers Abélard & Héloïse. Younger in age and spirit than its complex, collectible “parents”, it aims to deliver fresh fruit but also nice spice, concentration and length.

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Deep, intense garnet with hints of mahogany.
Nose: Rich and complex with notes of ripe dark fruits, spice and mocha.

Palate: Smooth and fruity with velvety tannins.

Finish: Long and aromatic.

Aging potential: 8-10 years.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Pairs perfectly with red meat, poultry, grilled fish, roasted vegetables, cheese and Mediterranean cuisine.

SPECIFICATIONS

Varieties: Grenache noir (75%), Syrah (25%)

Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.7

Total acidity: 3.0 g/l (as sulfuric), 4.6 g/l (as tartaric)

Residual sugar: 0.4 g/l, still wine | Closure: Cork

VINEYARD NOTES

Vines: Assemblage of old-vine Grenache noir, over 60 years old, and other younger Grenache vines, north-west facing at 530m. Syrah over 30 years old, south-west facing at 540m.

Soil: Argilo-calcaire (clay and limestone) and very stony.

Pruning method: Double cordon de Royat, 6 shoots per cordon.

VINEYARD MANAGEMENT

No synthetic treatments, to ensure health of vines and soil. Certified Organic (Ecocert), BeeFriendly and HVE Level 3 (highest tier) sustainable viticulture.