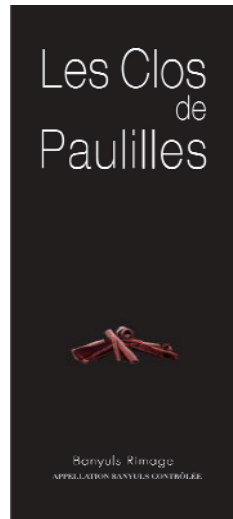


# LES CLOS DE PAULILLES

VIGNOBLES DAURÉ  
Languedoc, France



## Banyuls Rimage 2009

### THE VINEYARD

Banyuls is one of France's most extraordinary vineyards. Nestled between the foothills of the Pyrenees mountains and the Mediterranean sea, the vineyard rises in steep terraces. Les clos de Paulilles is the largest single vineyard holding in this magnificent appellation with a total of 75 hectares planted. Rimage is a Catalan word, meaning vintage. Only the best wines from the best vintages are "declared" and bottled young to protect the wines character. This represents, at most, 20% of the production in a given year.

### HARVEST & AGEING

Grenache Noir is harvested overripe in mid to the end of October. The harvest, non-destalked, ferments temperature controlled vats until it is fortified with neutral grape spirit. After a long maceration of 5 weeks, with daily pumping over to allow maximum extraction of color, aromas and tannin, the wine is then clarified by natural decanting, then bottled 12 months later in order to catch all the fruit extract. It matures in an airconditioned wine-store.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Dark ruby color. Elegant aromas of crystallized blackberry and prune. After the oxydation the wine exuberates a selection of aromas fom raspberry to fig and to ripe black fruit. This wine is full, round and very long in mouth. In its youth, this Rimage is perfect at 16°C with appetizers, foie gras, blue cheese, chocolate or red fruit desserts, and figs. If cellared for some time, reserve for it only very soft blue cheeses, chocolate or other desserts with dried or candied fruit.

Grape Varietal: 100% Black Grenache

Alc %: 16%



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