

PRIEURÉ DE MONTÉZARGUES

RHÔNE VALLEY, FRANCE



The Prieuré de Montézargues has a rich history dating back to ancient Roman times. Montézargues was originally known as the Grammont Abbey. Records show that in 1199, Guillaume II and Rostang II of Sabran added a mill, a supply of water and woodland. The monks who then settled at the priory gained the right to fish in Pujaut Pond. Pope Innocent III wrote to the Abbot of Grandmont, urging him to host this new community with good grace; he consented. Yet in 1295, only three monks remained....

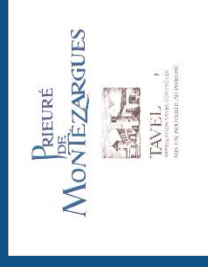
Today, Prieuré de Montézargues is owned by the renowned Richard family, involved in wine making and wine distribution since 1892. The Richard family is also the proud proprietors of the renowned Château La Nerthe, from Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Domaine de La Renjarde from Côtes du Rhône Villages.



Located near Tavel, Prieuré de Montézargues is concealed by a forest of Holm oaks, Scots pine and hundred year-old strawberry trees, while also being protected from the Mistral by the Montagne Noire ("Black Mountain"). Montézargues Priory quietly ripens its grapes on sandy slopes that run down to Pujaut Pond. Eight grape varieties flourish in the Provencal sunshine: Grenache Noir, and Grenache Blanc, Cinsault, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Carignan, Clairette and Bourboulenc. The single, 33ha vineyard is located in the Tavel AOC, a Rhône Valley cru. The wines are estate grown and bottled.

Without this sandy soil, Prieuré de Montézargues rosé would not express itself with such finesse and elegance. Subtly and complexity are the watchwords of this enchanting place, which is blessed by its own microclimate.

The light, filtering soils are distinctive in their ability to warm up quickly in spring, thus promoting grape maturity. The ample sunshine and fine soils ensure that Prieuré de Montézargues rosé is aromatically delicate and subtle.



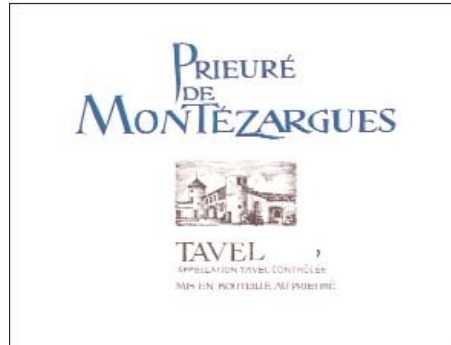
Tavel Rosé AOC



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Tavel AOC Rosé 2010

THE VINEYARD

In 1199, the monks harnessed the estate's water supply and put the mill to good use, wood, water and sand had already struck a balance. Deep in this protected corner of Provence, under blazing sun, is where Prieure de Montezargues wines are born. The property covers 84 acres in the Tavel AOC. Sheltered from the Mistral by the Montagne Noire area, with its mix of hundred year old strawberry trees, evergreen oaks and Aleppo pines, garden stone and pebbles are indistinguishable from religious buildings, forming a micro-terroir, defining the unique personality and terroir of the Montezargues estate vineyards.

HARVEST & AGEING

In 2010 the harvest began on August 30th and the hand picking continued for 14 days. The summer was short but warm and dry with cool temperature during the night. All these conditions were important for the vines and helped develop abundant aromas, tanins and color in the skin of the berries. We just had a rain on september 7th and 8th but without any negative impact on the quality of the harvest. 2010 like 2009 is a vintage with low yields and wonderful quality of wines.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

A pretty pale pink with violet glints. The nose is intense with notes of grapefruit, pear and red fruits: cherry & raspberry. A nice crisp mouth; round - full bodied, a nice balance and a velvety feel. The finish is long with hints of peach and red fruit.

Appellation: Tavel AOC

Grape Varieties: Grenaches (red & white) 55%, Cinsault 30%, Clairette 13%, Others (Syrah, Mourvedre, Carignan, Bourboulenc) 2%

Finished Alcohol: 13.5%

Acidity/pH: 3.40

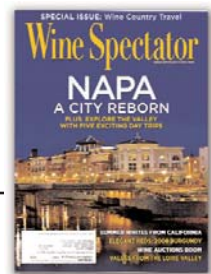
Residual Sugar: <0.7



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TAVEL ROSÉ 2010

MAISON RICHARD
RHÔNE VALLEY, FRANCE



As seen in...

Wine Spectator

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90

pts.

Superfresh, with lots of tangy cherry, cherry pit and watermelon notes and a long, stone-tinged finish. Very tasty. Drink now.

June 15, 2011

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Dark pink. High-pitched aromas of redcurrant and strawberry, with notes of rhubarb and dried flowers adding complexity. Spicy and focused on the palate, offering deep red berry flavors and a note of bitter cherry. The persistent, cherry-accented finish is dry and nervy. I really like this wine's blend of power and vivacity.

-J.R. - June 2011

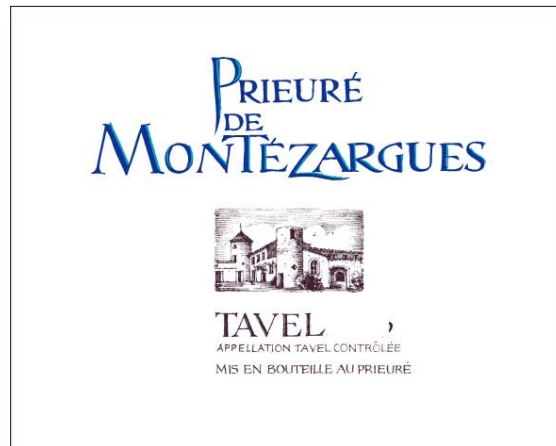


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"Had a superb dry rose-2010 Prieure de Montezargues from Tavel-really exquisite"

R.P. - August 27, 2011



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