



Chateau Jouclary Nore Grenache Blanc

Château Jouclary is run by Robert and Pascal Giancesini in Cabardès, an appellation on the southern slopes of Montagne Noir just outside the medieval, walled city of Carcassonne. The Cabardès appellation is a mix of Atlantic and Mediterranean influences, both in terms of climate, but also of grape varietals, where a minimum 40% of the blend must be "Atlantic" grapes (Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon or Franc) and 40% "Mediterranean" grapes (Syrah or Grenache).

What a surprise this wine is! This vineyard is named after the dramatic Pic de Nore, the highest point of the dramatic Montagne Noire. Pascal lost 50% of his crop to hail in this vintage, reducing the yields from the usual 50hl/ha to a mere 12 hl/ha. The resulting concentration is extraordinary.

It has a honeyed, floral nose. On the palate it is bursting with lush stone fruit flavours – especially apricot – and finishes with a bitter twist of aniseed and just enough balancing acidity.

Producer: Chateau Jouclary

Winemaker: Robert and Pascal Giancesini

Country of Origin: France

Region of Origin: Cabardes

Grapes: Merlot / Syrah

ABV: 13.0%

Closure Type: cork

