



Chateau Jouclary Nore Merlot / Syrah

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 varieties, where a minimum 40% of the blend must be "Atlantic" grapes (Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon or Franc) and 40% "Mediterranean" grapes (Syrah or Grenache).

These vines are grown on the Pic de Nore, in the foothills of the Montagne Noire. Pascal lost 50% of his crop with the frost of 2017, and as result the yields of this wine were only 12hl/ha (normally 55hl/ha)! Normally he would bottle this as two separate wines – a Merlot and a Syrah, but due to the reduced quantities he decided to blend the two, creating a much more concentrated and interesting wine.

It is medium/deep in colour, with a gorgeous nose of mint, juniper and currants. On the palate it is very ripe and silky, bursting with flavours of blackcurrants and plums

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

