



Domaine Girard “La Garriguette” rose

Domaine Girard first started producing wine in 1928, when Jean Girard founded the winery. He first only had 7 hectares of land where he grew Carignan, Cinsault, Aramon, and Jurançon. The real turning point in the success of the winery came during the 80s thanks to André Girard. André is a third-generation winemaker from the Girard family and he brought innovation into the traditional winemaking techniques of the winery.

From the Languedoc hills, this IGP rosé wine owes its freshness to planting at 350m altitude, receiving cooling breezes from both the Atlantic and Mediterranean. Classic Cabernet Franc gives beautiful berry fruit and acidity making this a wonderful food partner, particularly to sumptuous salads or chilli-spiced Asian dishes. ‘Garriguette’ is an early-ripening variety of strawberry with a particularly intense perfume. ‘Garrigue’ also references the scrub herbs and undergrowth common in the area.

This Pays d’Oc rosé echoes Cabernet Franc rosés from the western reaches of the Loire valley. From a parcel of 20+ year-old vines planted near Alaigne on clay-limestone soils around 350m above sea level, it retains delicious acidity to balance bright summer berry fruit from cooling mountain breezes. Farmed according to ‘agriculture raisonnée’ methods, no herbicides or fertilisers are used meaning the vines require meticulous care and attention including grassing rows, selective leaf removal and green harvesting. Crisp acidity balances bright summer berry flavours tinged with that intense strawberry note. Serve with a tartare or seared tuna dish dotted with Szechuan peppercorns, or a salade Niçoise.

Reviews

Producer: Domaine Girard

Winemaker: Andre Girard

Country of Origin: France

Region of Origin: Languedoc

Grapes: 100% Cabernet Franc

ABV: 13%

Closure Type: cork