

# COLLIOURE: LA PINÈDE DOMAINE DE LA TOUR VIEILLE

## Style

Red, Dry, Full-bodied

## Region

Languedoc Roussillon

## Wine Maker

Christine Campadiou and Vincent Cantié

## Appellation

Collioure, south of Perpignan, where the Mediterranean meets the Pyrenees.

## Cepage

75% Grenache Noir and 25% Carignan.

## Tasting Note

A rugged, chest-thumping, life-affirming wine imbued with wonderful black, garrigue fruit flavours and scents.

## Serve with

Simple, robust (especially Mediterranean) grills and casseroles.

## Cellarage

Responds well to medium term bottle age, 3-4 years, but will age gracefully thereafter.

## Vinification

Very low yields (the Tramontane wind reduces the crop size) of old vine fruit principally from a parcel called 'La Tourette', are hand harvested and vinified in stainless steel, racked in large used oak barrels prior to a light filtration and bottling the following spring.

## History

Christine (from Banyuls) and Vincent (from Collioure) are respectively 4th and 3rd generation winemakers in this region. They met in 1989 and Domaine la Tour Vieille was created in 1982. Since then they have worked to "develop and maintain the domaine and feel really happy". Domaine la Tour Vieille now comprises 32 acres of vines, meticulously farmed by hand.

