

CÔTES DU VIVARAIS

Style

A full-bodied, earthy dry red.

Region

On the western bank of the Rhône between Viviers and Pont St Esprit.

Producer

Les Vignerons Ardéchois Co-operative.

Appellation:

Côtes du Vivarais.

Cépage

50% Grenache and 50% Syrah.

Tasting Note:

A bouquet of dark hedgerow berries precedes a full-bodied palate of black fruit with warming undertones of earth and spices.

Serve

With game, stews and robust braised meat dishes.

Cellarage

Made for relatively forward drinking this will keep for up to 3 years if well cellared.

Vinification

Grapes from low-yielding old vines grown on a limestone soil are harvested at optimum maturity and vinified in thermo-regulated stainless steel vats.

History

The banding together of small producers into larger co-operatives started in this region in the 1960's. This modern, pioneering co-operative has invested in state of the art equipment and is known for producing good-value country wines from traditional grape varieties.

