

COSTIÈRES DE NÎMES: CHÂTEAU ROUBAUD PRESTIGE ROSÉ

Style

Rosé, Dry

Region

Languedoc Roussillon

Producer

Guillaume Molinier

Appellation

Costières de Nîmes, just to the south of the city of Nîmes.

Cépage

50% Grenache and 50% Syrah.

Tasting Note

A deep coloured rosé with ample red berry fruit aromas that give way to a soft, fruity palate prior to a long, dry finish.

Serve

Charcuterie and soft cheese or as an aperitif with olives.

Cellarage

Best drunk young within 2-3 years of vintage.

Vinification

The grapes are picked at optimum ripeness and made by the saignant method a process whereby the wine is made by running off a certain amount of free-run juice from just-crushed dark-skinned grapes after a short, pre-fermentation maceration. The resulting wine has a dark pink appearance.

History Costières de Nîmes is the easternmost appellation in the Languedoc, situated very close to the Mediterranean coast and the Camargue region. The appellation covers a total of 25,000 hectares with red wines accounting for three quarters of the production. The soil is very similar to that in Châteauneuf du Pape (large pebbles known as galets) and the vineyards are some of the oldest in France dating back to the Roman times. The distinctive palm tree and crocodile motif that adorns the bottle is the city of Nîmes' emblem and represents the African exotica that was brought back by Roman legionnaires who settled in the area after Caesar's African campaign. Château Roubaud has been in the Molinier family for 5 generations and, today, covers 84 hectares producing just under half a million bottles a year. The wines are among the most highly rated of the region and are frequent medal winners at wine competitions in Paris.

