

## DOMAINE ANNE GROS & JEAN-PAUL TOLLOT

### Côtes du Brian 'La 50/50'

The cool elegance of Burgundy, the warm soul of southern France—winemaker Anne Gros (of Domaine Anne Gros in Vosne-Romanée) is without question crafting some of the more harmonious, captivating red blends in the Languedoc today. The estate's 35 acres of old vines in Cazelles grow on a plateau at the foot of the Montagne Noir, 660 feet above sea level, the same altitude as Vosne-Romanée in Burgundy. This breathtaking region boasts exceptional terroir, as both limestone and chalk-rich fossils are abundant. Cooler temperatures allow grapes to ripen slowly, the result being balanced, mineral-infused wines without excessive levels of alcohol.

**WINERY:** Domaine Anne Gros & Jean-Paul Tollot

**WINEMAKER:** Anne Gros

**ESTABLISHED:** 2006

**REGION:** FRANCE • Languedoc-Roussillon • Cazelles

**APPELLATION:** Côtes du Brian IGP

**BLEND:** Majority Grenache; with Syrah and Carignan

**VINEYARDS:** A selection of fruit from a northfacing estate vineyard. Soils combine marl, limestone and sandstone. Grenache and Carignan vines are 30 to 40 years old; Syrah vines are 10+ years old.

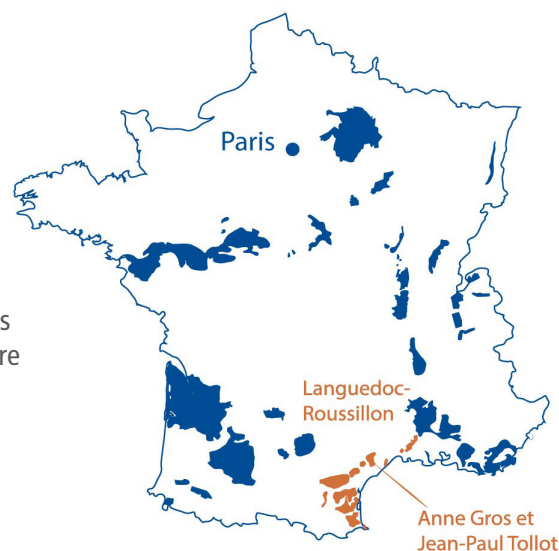
**AGE OF VINES:** 10-40 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Aged also in tank.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of blackberries, crushed stones, wild garrigue. Medium-bodied, suave; flavors of black cherries and plums.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Grilled pork or lamb sausages; weekday hamburgers; any Mediterranean-inspired outdoor meal!

**NOTES:** '50/50' describes the partnership of winemakers Anne Gros and Jean-Paul Tollot—from the fields to the cellar, all work is divided equally.



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