



DOMAINE ANNE GROS & JEAN-PAUL TOLLAT Minervois 'La Ciaude'

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: Minervois Cazelles AOC

BLEND: 35% Carignan, 35% Syrah, 30% Grenache

VINEYARDS: This seven-acre vineyard faces full south, with limestone soils. One small parcel within the vineyard was planted to Carignan vines in 1904.

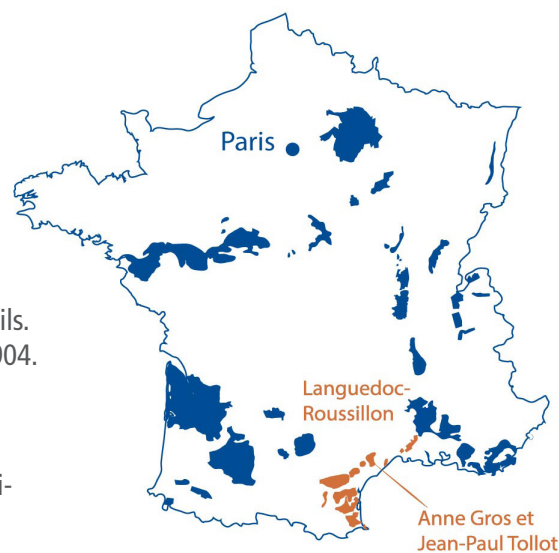
AGE OF VINES: 25-100+ years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Aged 80% in demi-muid and 20% in tank.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of black cherry, raspberry, light baking spices, wild herbs. Full-bodied, plush, textured; very long.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Korean-spiced grilled beef; lamb with fresh herbs and garlic

NOTES: 'Ciaude' in local southern dialect means sun.



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