

DOMAINE ANNE GROS & JEAN-PAUL TOLLOT Minervois 'Les Fontanilles'

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 AOC

BLEND: 40% Grenache, 20% Carignan, 20% Cinsault, 20% Syrah

VINEYARDS: This seven-acre walled vineyard, facing north, is surrounded by wild thyme, rosemary and pine trees. Soils combine clay, marl and sandstone.

AGE OF VINES: 25-50 years

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

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of black raspberries, cassis, baking spices. Full-bodied, yet silky and refined; bright, mineral-infused finish.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Roasted lamb with herbs; pork with black olives and thyme



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