



DOMAINE ANNE GROS & JEAN-PAUL TOLLLOT

Côtes du Brian 'Grenache 8'

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: 100% Grenache

VINEYARDS: A selection of younger-vine fruit from vineyard 'Fontanilles,' with a mix of sandstone, marl and limestone soils

AGE OF VINES: 30 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Aged in two- to three-year old oak barrels.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of raspberries, pomegranate, wild herbs. Medium-bodied, delicate; flavors remind of ripe Pinot Noir.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: French charcuterie or other cured meats; roasted eggplant and tomatoes à la Provençal

NOTES: The "8" in the wine's name signifies tank number 8 in the Gros Tollot cellars, which historically was reserved for Grenache grapes



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