



PRIEURÉ DE MONTÉZARGUES

TAVEL 2014

BACKGROUND

As early as 1199, Prieuré de Montézargues was a fully functioning monastery with the monks having already established a water source and a functioning water mill. The property covers eighty-four acres, deep in a corner of Provence, sheltered from the Mistral winds by the Montagne Noire mountain range area with its mix of hundred year-old strawberry trees, evergreen oaks and aleppo pines. The original stone monastery buildings blend seamlessly into the landscape of gard stones and pebbles, forming a micro-terroir and the unique personality of the Montézargues estate vineyards. Prieuré de Montézargues is owned by the Richard family like Château La Nerthe (Châteauneuf-du-Pape) and Domaine de La Renjarde (Côtes du Rhône Villages). Ralph Garcin is the winemaker and manager of all three estates.

APPELLATION

Tavel (Rhône Valley), France

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

55% Grenache (red & white), 30% Cinsault, 13% Clairette, 2% Others (Syrah, Mourvèdre, Carignan, Bourboulanc)

WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES

The 2014 vintage is commonly called a “vintner’s vintage”, in the sense that the work done in the vineyards throughout the year was a key factor to achieving great results. The work started in early spring and finished in late autumn, an exhausting year that resulted in beautiful grapes. Summer consisted of rain, cool nights and below average sunshine, delaying the ripening of the grapes. Hand harvesting took place on September 10th. The entire vineyard is certified Organic by Ecocert.

TASTING NOTES

An appealing rosé with a brilliant pink color. A rich nose showing red berry tones such as strawberry and gooseberry. Fresh on the palate, with persisting citrus notes. Well rounded body and a long, structured finish.

WINEMAKER

Christian Voeux

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol
13.5%

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE:
\$23.99



92 ROBERT PARKER'S
POINTS WINE ADVOCATE
June 2015

