



# PRIEURÉ DE MONTÉZARGUES

## TAVEL 2015

### 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 2015 vintage was a "generous vintage". Spring was average but summer was hot and dry with temperatures that exceeded 100°F with a few thunderstorms throughout the season. Hand harvesting took place over several weeks, but the fermentations occurred seamlessly from beginning to end, creating fresh, aromatic, well balanced and complex wines. 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



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