



# SAINTE CROIX

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Name	The name of our top level red, Cèlèstra is taken from an Occitan word for blue (in turn from the latin 'caelum' meaning sky. . .). A large part of the Grenache and Carignan in this cuvée is from a parcel of blue volcanic peridotite. Also, as a wine with a highly Languedocian profile, it could be said to be from 'le grand bleu'.
Grape varieties	Old vine Grenache Noir (80%), Old vine Carignan Noir (20%)
Current release	2007
Tasting note	Deep red with garnet notes. On the nose, intense, deep black and red fruits, particularly ripe blackberries, wild raspberries and cassis, with a light barrel note. On the palate, a similar profile as the nose with a whole range of sweet, dense, red and black fruits, overlaid with notes of violet and rounded out by soft brown sugar. The tannins are dense but soft and ripe and compliment well this full and concentrated palate.
Origin	Parts volcanic peridotite, pure limestone. 200-250 metres altitude..
Harvested	4 <sup>th</sup> week September 2007
Yield	20Hl/Ha average
Vinification	Entirely destemmed, fermented at 25-28°C using only wild yeasts, twice-daily manual punch downs, post-fermentation skin contact for 35-40 days depending on the parcel.
Ageing	75% matured sur lie in 228 litre Burgundy barrels (3rd fill), the rest sur lie in tank for 19 months. Blended and returned to tank for 6 months before bottling. Unfined. Lightly filtered.
Drinking	2010-2015
Food	Given that this wine is elegant, aromatic and powerful, it would happily accompany dishes from civet de sanglier (wild boar) to roast game or beef. The Grenache element makes for an excellent accompaniment to dark chocolate desserts.
Average annual production	1,000 bottles

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