



# Vendange d'Automne

## VIN DE FRANCE

Vines located in Fournès and St Hilaire D'Ozilhan,  
southern Rhône Valley



**Grape varieties :** 100 % grenache.



**Terroir :** fine sand soil, sediments from the Gardon river and the Pliocene period (- 6 million years). This region also benefits from the largest number of sunshine hours of France, important for the photo synthesis, sugar and maturing process.

The northern wind called "Mistral", blows up to 100 days a year, and keeps the vines clean and healthy; it reduces the amount of treatments substantially.



**Vine growing :** the vines are planted with a density of 4000 per hectare, with grass sown between the rows to limit erosion as well as yield, and develop microorganisms. The number of treatments is limited to a minimum and depends on the weather. Limited amounts of fertilizers are used, only to maintain a balance in the soil, and when required by the vines. This is based on soil and leaf analysis. The yield is kept at a low level in order to have a high quality of grape. This is done by hedging and leaf-thinning. The leaf thinning is done by hand to obtain the best "grains nobles".



**Vinification :** this wine is only produced in exceptionally good years, when the over-ripe grapes can be picked with a theoretical potential degree of 22%. The harvest is done manually in crates. The grapes are destemmed and crushed, followed by pneumatic pressing to have a better and more homogeneous press. The vinification is done at low temperature and takes about 5 weeks. The lees are stirred regularly. The fermentation is stopped while still having natural residual sugar from the grapes, and while still having a balanced wine.

**Annual production :** 15 000 bottles.



**Tasting :** fine color with some green hints. This wine will reveal aromas of white peach, some lemon and quince, with a pleasant roundness and some notes of vanilla. Balanced and generous mouth feel with a lively finish.

**Keeping potential :** maximum 15 years.



**Food match :** goose & duck liver, chocolate dessert, blue cheeses.

**Packaging sizes :** bottles of 50cl.