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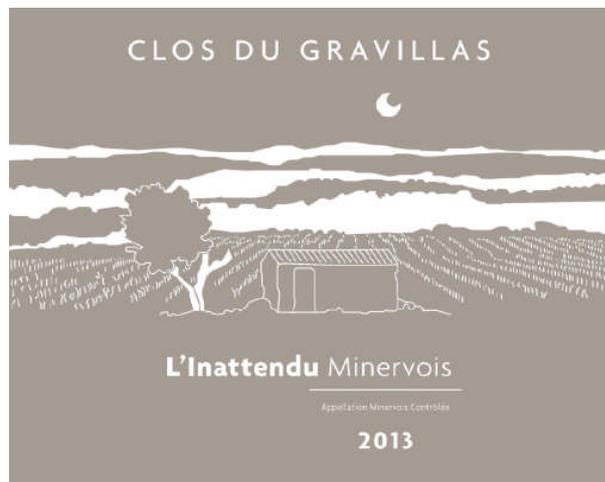


L'Inattendu AOP MINERVOIS Blanc

A surprising full dry white wine—fresh but mineral and very complex, Grenaches (plus a bit of maccabeu) fermented and aged (12 months) on lees in 500L barrels.

Forceful enough to enjoy with canned sardines, mackerel or veal blanquette, a rare match for organic goat cheese, surprising with Apple Crumble.

L'Inattendu is “the unexpected”.



- EXTREMELY ROCKY WHITE LIMESTONE SOIL
- ORGANICALLY GROWN GRAPES
- HAND PICKED IN 15KG BOXES
- SORTED IN VINES TO ELIMINATE ALL BUT PERFECTLY RIPE AND HEALTHY GRAPES
- YIELD 23 HL/HA
- VINIFICATION AND 11 MONTHS AGING IN 500 LITER AUSTRIAN BARRELS
- INDIGENOUS YEASTS
- BOTTLED BY HAND, BY GRAVITY
- PRODUCTION : 2500 BT
- 14%
- ALTITUDE : 260 M
- « TOP 7 LANGUEDOC WHITES » GUIDE BETTANE & DESSAUVÉ 2010

Clos du Gravillas is 8 hectares on a 300 meter-high plateau of crushed white gravel chips in the Parc Naturel de Haut Languedoc, squeezed between the canyons of St. Chinian and Minerve, surrounded by Mediterranean brush and scrub oak. The domaine is worked organically (Ecocert) with respect for the terroir, without herbicides, with care for the preservation of soil life. Weed control is by hand and with our well-aged mini caterpillar tractors. Each head pruned vine is given particular attention during the summer as shoot selection, leaf-removal, bunch thinning, and rigorous field-sorting when we finally pick let us bring in grapes that are as ripe and perfect as possible. Pickers throw any grapes not good enough to eat on the ground.

In 2014 we harvested 15 grape varieties; these will be made into 9 very different wines—for a total of only 30,000 bottles. Our passion is for local varieties; Carignan is our signature grape and we've just added almost a hectare of Terret gris from which we make a light white to complement our rich full Grenache Gris/Blanc/Maccabeu, “L'Inattendu”. And Muscat has been local in Languedoc for 1000 years!

