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Rendez-Vous Sur La Lune 2012 AOP Minervois Rouge

A red Minervois from the moon – carignan 45 %, syrah 45 %, grenache 10%.

Inky black wine. Preserved flavors of garrigue, fresh fruit, chalky texture, notes of blood oranges.

In honor of the lunar terroir of the Cazelles plateau (see rocks below).



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- EXTREMELY ROCKY WHITE LIMESTONE SOIL OF CAZELLES
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- HAND PICKED IN 15KG BOXES
- SORTED IN VINES TO ELIMINATE ALL BUT PERFECTLY RIPE AND HEALTHY GRAPES
- YIELD 25 HL/HA, ALCOHOL 14%
- 18 MONTHS AGING IN STEEL, 20% BIG FRENCH OAK BARRELS
- PRODUCTION : 6000 BT
- ALTITUDE : 250 M
- 15.5/20--REVUE DU VIN DE FRANCE 2014

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 8 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 !

