

### **GRAPES VARIETIES**

Syrah 55%, Grenache Noir 30%, Carignan 10%, Mourvèdre 5%

### **APPELLATION**

AOP Corbières

Red

### SOILS

Blue Marl, Schist and rounded pebbles



Château Vaugelas spans over 144 hectares between the Montagne Alaric and the Montagne Noire next to Camplong d'Aude in the heart of Corbières, and has belonged to the Bonfils family since 2000. The Château used to be an abbey in the Lagrasse area in the XVIth century.

### **TERROIR**

As far back as the XVIth century, Benedictine monks grew vines on this magnificent terroir of shale and gravelly scree carried by the river Orbieu which flows at the edge of the domain. The limestone clay soils of the property are made up of a blue clay subsoil with pebbles and stones on the surface.

The vineyard is unusual in that it is in one single block. It combines old vines, traditional regional grape varieties and more recently planted vines in Cordon de Royat form or Goblet, the traditional Corbières pruning method which allows the vegetation to adapt perfectly to local climatic conditions.

#### **VINIFICATION**

Each varietal is vinified separately. The majority of the harvest is destemmed and lightly pressed. Temperature controlled fermentation takes place at a maximum of 28°. The cap is constantly punched and the must pumped over. The Carignan part of the blend is vinified using carbonic maceration. This adds structure and aromatic qualities to the final wine.

Some of the grape parcels are harvested at different times in order to benefit from optimum ripeness of the grapes. The wine is aged in oak barrels for 11 months.

# **TASTING NOTES**

Ruby red with aromas of ripe red fruits, dark chocolate and soft spices with a hint of minerality.

Soft rounded tannins and well integrated oak create this well rounded wine with a long finish and subtle notes of licorice.

## **SOMMELIER'S ADVICE**

Wine & food pairing: Florentine steak, vegetable ratatouille, carrot cake or Pana cotta with raspberry sauce.

Serving temperature :16-18°C Aging potential : Up to 5 years





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