

LE CHAT NOIR

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Region: Gers & Aude Valley
Grape Variety: 100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker: Hilde Chevillot
Alcohol: 12.5%



Sourcing: Fruit from the Gers region, in the centre of southern France provides a core of rich and vibrant fruit with impressive depth whilst the high altitude, cool climate Aude Valley fruit provides high note aromatics and bright, fresh acidity.

Winemaking: Totally de-stemmed before a long, cool maceration. Maturation is primarily in stainless steel with roughly one third undergoing carbonic maceration, aiding aromatics and fruit expression. A further third receives six month maturation in French oak for greater complexity.

2020 Vintage: Another consistent vintage for the Aude Valley. Less hot than previous vintages meaning a reprieve for vigneron. Mild temperatures and good rainfall in Spring ensured steady bud burst. The berries achieved full ripeness, have fine acidities and fragrant flavours. 2020 was an excellent vintage.

Tasting Note: Dark red in colour with a lifted and expressive nose, bursting with a seductive perfume of ripe red fruits and exotic berries. The palate is soft and seductive with a core of sweetly fruited dark cherry flavours balanced by fresh acidity. Earthy notes add complexity before fine tannins provide definition to the finish. Try it with duck breast and baby lentils.