

Domaine de la Métairie d'Alon Village Pinot Noir 2016

Region: Magri, Aude Valley
Grape Variety: 100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker: Laurent Delaunay
Alcohol: 13.5%
Closure: Cork
Pack Size: 6 Bottle Pack

Summary: Domaine de la Métairie d'Alon is a 25-hectare estate planted with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vines, located in a mountainous area around the village of Magrie, between Limoux and Roquetaillade, in the Languedoc's Haute Vallée de l'Aude. It is composed of exceptional terroirs devoted to the production of high-end Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wines, crafted from organically grown, handpicked grapes. The wines from our other top-quality plots are blended in our "Le Village" cuvées which, like in Burgundy, are representative of the terroir around of the village of Magrie as a whole.

Vineyard: The grapes for this wine are sourced from higher altitude plots where the grapes benefit from fresh night temperatures and sunny days. Part of the grapes come from 12-year-old vines facing North allowing a slow ripening resulting in complex, balanced wines.

Appellation: Pays d'Oc

Winemaking: Whole bunches fed into the small 20-hl pneumatic press via a conveyor belt. The grapes were then gently pressed and the first and final pressings were eliminated. There was no contact with the skins during maceration, which explains this wine's very pale colour. After the juice was settled, it underwent fermentation at low temperatures for approximately ten days in stainless steel, without the addition of sulphur.

Ageing: Aged on yeast lees partially in stainless steel and the remainder in older large format oak at low temperatures for 8 months without malolactic fermentation in order to maintain as much freshness and vivacity as possible. Bottled early in May.

Tasting Notes: Very pale in colour with a mineral nose featuring aromas of flint, red fruit (blackcurrant, pomegranate), rose petal and grapefruit. Lively and fresh on the palate with a fruity finish and a refreshing hint of bitterness.

Food Pairing: Serve cool (8°C) as an aperitif, with sautéed vegetables, rabbit with olives, duck risotto

