



CHÊNE BLEU

2021 RÊVE DE SCIPION, AOP VENTOUX

WINERY

Chene Bleu's property is nestled in a UNESCO heritage-listed reserve among the diverse flora and fauna at one of the highest elevations in all of Southern Rhone, 2,000 feet above sea level. The remarkable 340-acre estate has functioned as a working vineyard since the Middle Ages. The high-altitude vineyards benefit from warm daytime sun and cool nights allowing a longer, gradual ripening season. Grapes are picked up to five weeks later than the surrounding valley floor. The resulting wines embody the aromas and flavor of southern Rhône, together with the finesse and elegance of northern Rhône and the aging potential of the region's finest AOCs.

WINE

Inspired by "The Dream of Scipio", a treatise by Cicero on the values and choices that drive us. A fragrant, velvety blend of old-vine, high-altitude Grenache, Syrah and young Mourvèdre to showcase elegant aromas of spices as well as red and black fruit.

VINEYARDS

Grenache noir, over 65 years old, north-west facing at 530m. Syrah, up to 55 years old, south-west facing at 540m. Mourvèdre around 10 years old. The vines are single and double cordon de Royat, with 5-6 shoots per cordon.

VINTAGE NOTES

A mild, damp autumn in 2020 was followed by a short cold spell in January 2021. In February, southerly winds brought very mild temperatures, advancing the vegetative cycle in the vineyard. Early summer 2021 saw abundant rainfall throughout. Combined with cooler temperatures and below-average sunshine, this raised concerns about mildew. A brief heatwave from late July into early August pushed daytime temperatures to 36°C/99°F, which saved much of the harvest by facilitating bunch ripening. The harvest at Chêne Bleu began on September 22nd and concluded on October 5th.

WINEMAKING

Full destemming. Mourvèdre is loaded in wooden tanks; Syrah and Grenache in stainless steel tanks. Long maceration for 30 days with light pumpovers. Aged in oak barrels 3-6 years old, for 12 months.

TASTING NOTES

The Rêve de Scipion displays a deep garnet color. Its bouquet reveals vibrant red fruits, spices, and smoky notes. The wine glides smoothly across the palate, offering a persistent mouthfeel and refined, elegant tannins. The finish is long and harmonious.



VINEYARD

- Region: Rhône Valley
- Appellation: AOP Ventoux
- Vine Age: 65, 55, 10 years
- Exposure: Northwest; Southwest
- Elevation: 530-540m
- Soil: Limestone marl
- Eco-Practices: Bee-friendly
- Certifications: Organic - Ecocert

WINEMAKING

- Varietals: 52% Grenache Noir, 32% Syrah, 16% Mourvèdre
- Aging: 12 months in 3-6 year old oak barrels

TECHNICAL DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14%
- Residual Sugar: <0.5 g/L
- pH: 3.67

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