

NICOLE ROLET
Principal



CHÊNE BLEU



FRANCE | RHÔNE

2018 ALIOT, VIN DE PAYS DU VAUCLUSE

ABOUT THE WINERY

Blessed with a confluence of natural factors, Chêne Bleu has the benefit of an exceptional location, multifaceted geology, and a southern Rhône climate with soils more typical of the northern Rhône. The remarkable 340-acre estate had functioned as a working vineyard since the Middle Ages but was left untended for the majority of the 20th century. Xavier and Nicole Rolet purchased the property in 1993, enchanted by the secluded location of the vineyard. A decade of meticulous work was required to restore the property and nurture the neglected vineyards back to health. 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.

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Named after the noble artisan glassblower, Aliot de Montvin, who first discovered the estate in 1427 and established his workshop on the property. Years later when the Rolet family took ownership of the estate, they were told that white grape varieties would never succeed as far south as Chêne Bleu. Nicole and Xavier set out to prove this wrong. The Aliot is now considered their pride and joy. A white blend with rich color and inviting full aromatics of pineapple, papaya, honey and beeswax. Full bodied with vanilla notes and an intense, long finish.

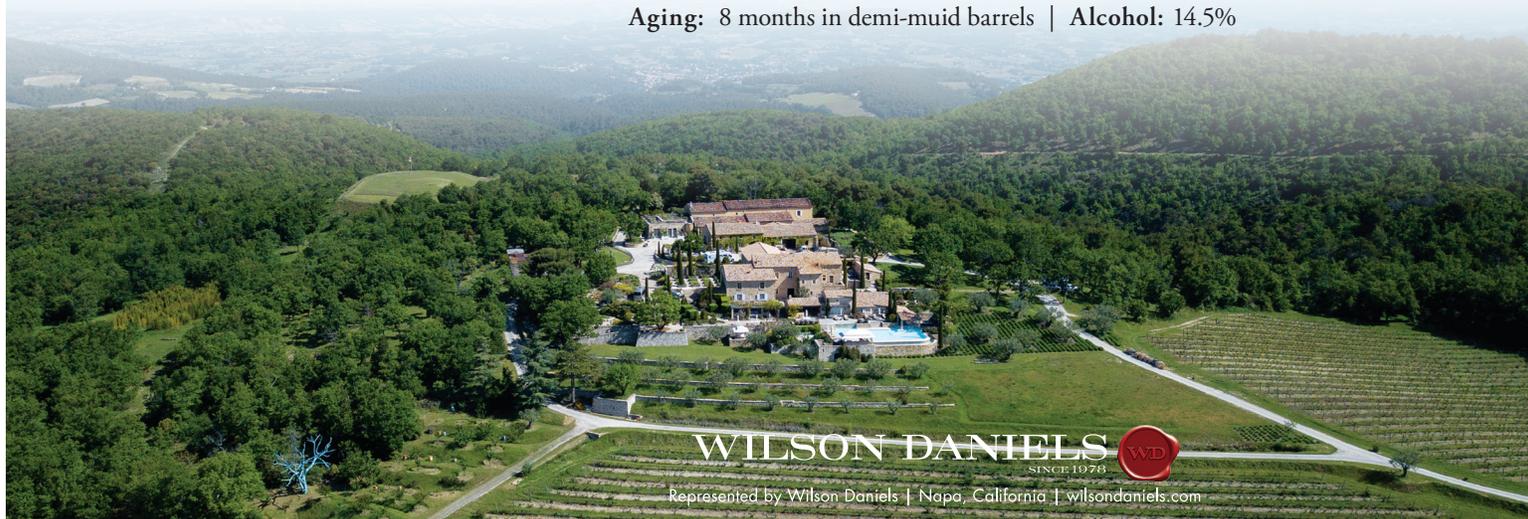
KEY SELLING POINTS

- The family uphold a time-honored respect for certified Organic & Biodynamic philosophic farming, striving to preserve the land's biological ecosystem through sustainable winery practices.
- Vineyards are planted on the dynamic soil beds of Mount Ventoux, composed of ancient volcanic basalts, chalk, mineral-rich clay and fossilized marine life providing remarkable complexity to the wines.
- The winery has stepped outside the AOC system to make a family of wines that rise above preconceived expectations and the constraints of appellations.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Varietal Composition: 65% Roussanne, 30% Grenache Blanc, 5% Marsanne and a touch of Viognier

Aging: 8 months in demi-muid barrels | **Alcohol:** 14.5%



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