



CHÊNE BLEU



# 2015 HÉLOÏSE IGP Vacluse

## STORY OF HÉLOÏSE

Héloïse d'Argenteuil, brilliant disciple-turned-lover of Pierre Abélard, fearless and forward-thinking. Showcasing the elegance and restraint of cooler-climate Syrah, with some fleshy Grenache and a touch of Roussanne to add floral aromatics..

## VINEYARD NOTES

- Varietals:** 78% Syrah, 18% Grenache Noir, 4% Roussanne
- Age of Vines:** Syrah - 50 years old; Grenache - over 60 years old
- Exposure & Elevation:** Syrah: Southwest facing; 540 meters (1,771 feet)  
Grenache: Northwest facing; 530 meters (1,739 feet)
- Soil:** Clay and limestone, very stony
- Pruning Method:** Double cordon de Royat, 6 shoots per cordon
- Viticulture:** No synthetic treatments, to ensure health of vines and soil
- Vintage Report:** The 2015 harvest was ripe and we started picking around a earlier than usual, on September 21st. The vineyard's altitude is approximately 550m/1800ft which causes extreme temperature differences between day and night. As a result, the grapes ripen more slowly and our harvest takes place up to a month later than in the valleys below. Despite potential damage from hail at Flowerset, the grapes recovered beautifully and ended the season extremely healthy, with no signs of disease, coulure, or black rot, which has been a big concern for some others in the region.

## WINE NOTES

- Fermentation:** In wooden tanks, with skin maceration for 5 weeks; 100% malolactic
- Barrel-Aged:** 18 months
- Fining & Filtration:** Unfined, unfiltered
- Alcohol:** 14%

## TASTING NOTES

- Appearance:** Deep, brilliant crimson color
- Nose:** Rich and intense with fruit notes and hints of spice
- Palate:** Fleshy and full-bodied with ripe black fruits, liquorice and silky tannins
- Finish:** Long

## SERVING SUGGESTIONS

A generous and intense blend with strong aging potential, ideally suited to game birds, poultry, lamb and roasted vegetables. Decant for at least an hour and serve at room temperature.



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