

La Croix Chevalière 2005



Grape varieties:

28% Syrah, 28% Grenache and 44% Merlot

Vineyard region:

Roqua Blanca.

Roqua Blanca is a vineyard of 28 hectares which lies 15 kilometres north west of Beziers. The ground consists of argilo-calcareous and slaty soils. It is here where we dedicate the best plots of land to La croix Chevalière, leading a fastidious and restrictive vine growing to obtain the wished concentration.

The grape types grown here consist of Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache and Merlot. La Croix Chevalière is produced according to the success of the harvest therefore only in the best years using the the best grapes. It is composed of a selection of three of the grape types following a tasting after the harvest.

Harvest date:

Mid to late September

Yeast:

Selected

Fermentation:

12 days at 28°C. The grapes have their caps punched cap down on a daily basis, in stainless steel vats.

Maceration:

4 weeks.

Malolactic fermentation:

100%

Maturation:

60% aged for 15 months in 228 litres oak barrels, on average 1 year old (1/3 new), and 40% in stainless steel.

Fining:

Egg White

Bottling:

Unfiltered bottling in order to preserve all the natural characteristics of the wine.

Wine analysis:

Alc/Vol:	14%
Acidity:	3.63 g/L
PH:	3.46
Residual sugar:	4.5 g/L

Vintage:

La Croix Chevalière is the result of meticulous craftsmanship. Released only in the very best vintages, this wine represents the epitome of quality winemaking: strict yield control, hand selection of grapes. A chiselled expression of terroir that illustrates the harmony that is possible when man works in conjunction with nature. Fantastic weather conditions in February lead to an early budding. Whilst the summer months were hot and dry, temperatures were less extreme than in the rest of France. The quality of fruit harvested was excellent and wines are well balanced with good acidity and without excessively high alcohol levels. A very good vintage.

Tasting:



Deep and intense



Persistent and firm bouquet mixed with aromas of dark chocolate, tobacco and prune



Great elegance, good concentration with soft, racy tannins.