

<u>LE VIN DE BLAISE</u> Cuvée Marguerite 2019 Côtes-du-Rhône Villages Sainte-Cécile (Southern Rhône)

No annoying tasting note...

But the journalist Pierre Guigui wrote: "This is serious stuff, far from the gluggles that come and go. There is a very nice background, salinity, structure, very dense juice but still fresh." (in Le vin naturel au délà des modes », May 2021, aka « Natural wine beyond fashion »)

At last, in 2019, a bit of "normality" in the weather, and very nice grapes in the end! It wasn't until autumn 2019 that the sky became a little wild and we were happy for the water tables... In bottle, you would discover a vintage more typical from our area : a beautiful, dense dark red colour, a little more substance in the mouth, and varietal aromas that are very present. A nice ageing in bottle is expected.

Technical information :

For this vintage, I practice plot selection :

Indigenous yeasts from organically-farmed grapes. No additives except for some SO2 before bottling. 70% of Grenache in goblets planted the year of my birth (1967) are blended with 25% of 36 year-old Carignan and a pinch of Syrah.

The sandy-clayey soils are partially covered with pebbles that were once rolled by the river. The vinification is as usual: whole bunches of grapes are hardly crushed, fermented in cement vats, a quick blending ... Aging between 6 and 9 months in stainless steel tanks.

Total SO2 : 21 mg/l Annual production: 3200 bottles. Degree: 13.5% alc.vol