

# Les Rives d'Argens

## — MINERVOIS —



### Rives d'Argens, AOP Minervois, Rouge, 2020

AOP Minervois, Languedoc-Roussillon, France

#### THE VINTAGE

After a cold and damp winter, a very wet spring and significant rainfall in June, the regions' groundwater reserves were restored. Unfortunately, this also allowed for the proliferation of some grapevine diseases in certain areas. The very hot summer that followed was punctuated by short rains. This and the favorable temperatures at harvest time allowed us to obtain the best of this vintage in terms of quality. Under this atypical climatic context, it was the Syrah grape variety which flourished the most in our vineyards that year.

#### LOCATION

Overlooking the Canal du Midi, Chateau d'Argens is an impressive manor house situated at the heart of the village of the same name, which for a long time formed part of the Lordship of Sérème. Argens, originally known as Villa Arsegii (881), takes its name from the sandstone and clay soils (argilla in Latin) of the surrounding countryside which were renowned for their fine quality. Today, the range of terroirs and grape varieties available allow us to offer subtle, complex, full-bodied wines.

#### IN THE VINEYARD

The grape varieties assembled to make up this vintage are vinified with minimal use of additives.

#### WINEMAKING

Harvested at full maturity, the different grape varieties are vinified separately with a limited use of additives. Fermenting and extraction at around 27° to optimise the extraction of the tannins.

#### VARIETALS

Grenache noir 40%, Mourvèdre 30%, Syrah 30%

Contains sulphites.

#### SERVING

Service temperature between 16 et 18°C

#### AGEING POTENTIAL

2 to 3 years

#### TASTING

Deep red in color, the nose is smoky with slightly spicy notes of cinnamon. The silky tannins delicately unfold on the fine palate. This leaves long lasting and pleasant spicy sensation of freshly ground white pepper.

#### REVIEWS AND AWARDS

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90/100

"Medium depth of colour with a purple hue. Garrigue, lavender and wild berry aromas. The palate is supple and rounded yet with good density, fluid and digest with peppery dark fruit and a long supple finish."

Andreas Larsson

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"A rather elegant Minervois with dark plums, dried herbs, black olives and damson berries. Medium body with fine tannins. Rich yet balanced with a core of berries and spices in the textured finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold."

James Suckling



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