

# Château d'Argens

## Chateau d'Argens, AOP Minervois, Rouge, 2018

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. Cold maceration (8°) before fermenting for the Syrah and Grenache followed by fermenting and extraction at around 27° to optimise the extraction of the tannins.

### AGEING

Partially aged in oak.

### VARIETALS

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

13,5 % VOL.

### SERVING

Service temperature between 16 et 18°

### AGEING POTENTIAL

5 years

### TASTING

A deep red color with garnet reflections, this wine offers aromas of ripe fruits with notes of vanilla. From the attack on the palate we observe beautiful and dense tannins. Fine and full due to the black fruits. The finish is long and ends with a nice balance between tannins, fruit and freshness.



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