



# CHÂTEAU PUECH-HAUT

## Prestige Rosé

One only needs to glance briefly through the notes of Jancis Robinson, Robert Parker, Andrew Jefford and David Schildknecht (among many others) to discover their love affair with the Languedoc. And by that, we mean head-over-heels, butterflies-in-the-stomach kind of love. We have had affection for the region since the humble beginnings of European Cellars when our motto was “unknown...and unsold” – an affection that remains as exciting to us today as it did 25 years ago.

Château Puech-Haut has been on the critic’s radar for some time – which makes sense since the property has employed Michel Rolland, Claude Gros and now Philippe Cambie as consulting enologist. Visionary owner Gérard Bru spares no expense in his quest for excellence. Located quite close to Pic Saint-Loup, in Saint-Drézéry, Château Puech-Haut is near the far western border of the Rhône valley and benefits from both its proximity to the Mediterranean and the rugged, mountainous interior of France. There are slightly over 50 hectares planted with Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre, Cinsault, Carignan, Viognier, Marsanne, Roussanne, Grenache Blanc and Carignan Blanc. The wines from Puech-Haut are rich and lush but also show the earthy and mineral character of the rocky clay-limestone soils of the region.

While considerably less than 50% of the blend of the Prestige Rosé, Cinsault makes its presence felt through the vivacious fruit and perfume of this wine. The remainder is Grenache – a fitting companion as both these grapes have a long history in the Languedoc and compliment each other quite well. The pale color comes from the gentle pressing of these grapes right after harvest rather than by maceration on the skins.

### ORIGIN

*France*

### APPELLATION

*Saint-Drézéry*

### SOIL

*Clay limestone, gravel*

### AGE OF VINES

*30-60*

### ELEVATION

*120 meters*

### VARIETIES

*Grenache, Cinsaut*

### FARMING

*Practicing biodynamic*

### FERMENTATION

*Hand harvested, direct press, fermentation in tank*

### AGING

*4 months in tank*

### ACCOLADES

91 – 2017 Prestige Rosé – Jeb Dunnuck

92 – 2016 Prestige Rosé – Wine Advocate

92 – 2014 Prestige Rosé – Wine Advocate



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SELECTIONS