



CHÂTEAU PUECH-HAUT

Prestige Rouge

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, 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.

Owner Gerard Bru, consultant Philippe Cambie and Eric Solomon have collaborated on the Prestige Rouge since the 2009 vintage capitalizing on the amazing limestone-rich terroir of Saint-Drézéry in the eastern Languedoc. Combining 65-80 year old Grenache with 45 year old Syrah then fermented and aged concrete, they have crafted a dense and powerful wine capturing the warm climate of the Mediterranean with all its floral aromatics of, dark fruit, spice, cracked pepper and garrigue.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Saint-Drézéry

SOIL

Clay limestone, gravel

AGE OF VINES

45-80

ELEVATION

120 meters

VARIETIES

Grenache, Syrah

FARMING

Practicing biodynamic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, fermentation in concrete

AGING

12 months in concrete tank

ACCOLADES

94 – 2016 Prestige Rouge – Wine Advocate

93 – 2015 Prestige Rouge – Wine Advocate

91 – 2014 Prestige Rouge – Wine Advocate



ERIC SOLOMON
SELECTIONS