



# CHÂTEAU PUECH-HAUT

## Tête de Belier Rosé

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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.

Made almost entirely from a direct pressing of Mourvedre, the Tête de Belier Rosé is in every way the elder sibling to the Prestige Rosé. Despite its pale color, this is a wine brimming with stone fruit flavors, minerality and a hint of garrigue and bay laurel. In some vintages a small amount of Grenache is added to the final blend, in others it is left out. Like many of the wines from Bandol – the inspiration for this cuvée – the Tête de Belier can age well in bottle, but who would want to wait?

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#### ORIGIN

*France*

#### APPELLATION

*Saint-Drézéry*

#### SOIL

*Clay limestone, gravel*

#### AGE OF VINES

*20*

#### ELEVATION

*120 meters*

#### VARIETIES

*Mourvedre, Grenache*

#### FARMING

*Practicing biodynamic*

#### FERMENTATION

*Hand harvested, direct press, fermentation in tank*

#### AGING

*6 months in tank*

#### ACCOLADES

92 – 2017 Tête de Belier Rosé – Jeb Dunnuck

(92-93) – 2016 Tête de Belier Rosé – Wine Advocate

91 – 2016 Tête de Belier Rosé – Vinous Media



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