

LA CROIX BELLE

2020 Caringole Rouge, PGI Côtes de Thongue Languedoc-Roussillon

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ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Just outside the city of Montpellier lie the vineyards of La Croix Belle, a family owned and operated Domaine that traces its roots in the region through more than two centuries. In 1977, already convinced of the region's rich terroir, Jacques and Françoise Boyer were not content to only pursue operation of the family wine estate, but to make a radical shift to strive for quality above all. The first step called for replanting the vineyard, continually improving the winegrowing techniques inherited from earlier generations, and seriously reducing yield to harvest healthy, concentrated grapes for wines with character.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

20 year old vines

The soil is clayish-calcareous with subsoil of gravel and pebbles.

Rigorously pruned vines.

Vines inter-planted with native grasses

ABOUT THE WINE

65% Syrah, 20% Merlot, 15% Carignan

Aged for 6 months in tank.

Traditional vinification, with long maceration in tanks (2 to 3 weeks).

Each grape variety is vinified separately; blended during aging.

TASTING NOTES

Sustained ruby-red colour. Intense on the nose with aromas of red berries mingled with spices. A delightful wine, velvety with fruity notes of blackcurrant and crushed olives.

