



Château de Bellet

APPELLATION BELLET CONTRÔLÉE



CHÂTEAU DE BELLET ROSÉ

AOC BELLET 2013

TASTING NOTES

This wine is a pale rosé color, underscored by yellow tints. It displays an intense and complex nose, displaying floral notes of violet and a subtle touch of hawthorn. The elegant and perfectly balanced palate is at once fat and lively. The long finish ends with spicy and licorice notes. Typical of the Braquet variety, this rosé wine is perfectly suitable as an aperitif, as it is smooth with aromatic finesse. It is well suited to gastronomic Mediterranean cuisine. And perfect with braised artichokes or sea bass with fennel.

THE WINE

This wine has been made from organic vine-growing since 2012.
Disbudding, leaf fining and green harvesting
Handpicked harvest: average yield 25 hl/ha.
Winemaking : short skin maceration.
Maturing: 6 months in vats.

GRAPE VARIETIES

Total surface area of the vineyard: 11 ha including 1.88 ha used to make Rosé.
Grape varieties: 85% Braquet, 10% Grenache, 5% Cinsault.
Average age of the vines: 30 years.

THE TERROIR

The vines of Chateau de Bellet on the hillsides of Nice overlook the blue Mediterranean sea. The last foothills of the Alps and the Var valley appear in the background. The estate's vineyard is situated at an altitude (250-300 meters) and benefits from generous sunshine (2,700 hours per year). The maritime and alpine wind gusts favor a slow ripening harvest. This micro-climate offers freshness and elegance to the wines of Bellet, thereby creating an almost northern style of wine. The estate's unique soil is made up of a combination of Pliocene pebbles and light colored sand, crossed by several clay veins.

THE ESTATE

Situated at the top of the appellation, the parcels face South/South-West. The vineyard is cultivated according to traditional techniques, with natural grass ground cover and soil tilling. The property's motto - *res non verba* - is that of the illustrious Barons of Bellet - who gave their name to the estate, as well as the appellation. As a result, over the past 400 years, "deeds and not words", make the wines of Chateau de Bellet great and exceptional.