

LANGUEDOC

DOMAINE DU GRAND CRÈS
CORBIÈRES


OVERVIEW | Herve Leferrer, the vineyard manager at the Domaine de la Romanee-Conti in the 1980s, acquired this property in the Corbieres on a mountain named Le Grand Cres in 1988. Together with his wife, Pascaline, Leferrer planted syrah to supplement the old vines of grenache and cinsault already planted. Later, roussanne, viognier, and muscat were added.

VINEYARD AREA: 18 hectares

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 8000 cases

SOIL TYPES: decomposed clay and limestone soil covered with pebbles

GRAPE VARIETIES: syrah, grenache, cinsault, roussanne, viognier, muscat

Leferrer's experience at the Domaine de la Romanee-Conti shows itself in the style of his wines, which are some of the most graceful, balanced, and, if you will, Burgundian styled wines of the Languedoc.

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | The unusually wild and isolated hilly site benefits from cool breezes. As the vines are planted to virgin soils, the plants are quite healthy, and the introduction of synthetic elements is kept minimal. Yields are 30 to 45 hectoliters per hectare. Grapes are harvested into small baskets and left to cool at night to promote skin contact (especially for the white and rosé). Classic maceration and barrel fermentation are used for the reds, which are aged for a year or more in bottle prior to release.

WINES |

Corbieres Le Blanc - 2/3 roussanne, 1/3 viognier.

Cabernet Sauvignon VdP d'Oc - 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

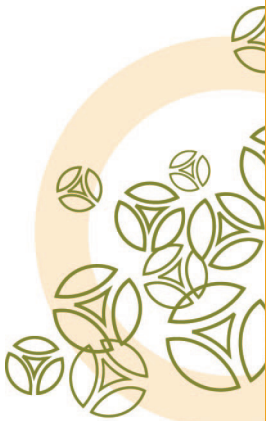
Corbieres Rosé - Mostly cinsault with the occasional addition of syrah.

Claret de Cabernet Sauvignon Rosé - 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Macerated for 36 hours so that color and structure present a characteristic of a light red or a dark rose.

Corbieres Rouge Cuvee Classique - 45-55% grenache, 15-20% cinsault, 25-30% syrah.

Corbieres Rouge Cuvee Majeure - 80-90% low yielding syrah, 10-20% grenache.

PRESS | "The Domaine de la Romanée-Conti was Hervé Leferrer's muse. When he left his post as the domaine's director he scoured southern France before settling on five hectares in the appellation of Corbières in the Languedoc, at a price a tenth of anything he could have found in Burgundy. This was in 1989. Today, he has 19 hectares and makes Languedoc wines with Burgundian elegance, two whites and two reds, each as vibrant and streamlined as a Bach violin concerto. The graceful 2006 Blanc du Grand Crès, a fragrant blend of roussanne and viognier, fresh as a mountain stream, offers delicate flavors of peach and passion fruit. The 2004 Cuvée Majeure du Grand Crès, Leferrer's top red, is chiefly syrah. Don't look for a blockbuster. This wine is all about harmony and subtlety." - Jacqueline Friedrich


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