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DOMAINE LAURENS
MARCILLAC


OVERVIEW | Domaine Laurens wines come from a 21 hectare vineyard which has been owned by the Laurens family for several generations, near the small village of Clairvaux. The 150 hectare of Marcillac vineyards (one of the smallest AOCs in France) are situated on steep slopes between Rodez and the Lot river. The area achieved AOC status in 1970. The soil is of a deep red (from the local clay); the vineyards are almost entirely of Fer Servadou grape - also called Mansois. The wines have a highly individual flavor of crushed redcurrants and raspberries, of an intensity not found in any other region, even though the same grapes are planted all over the southwest. The vineyards were started by the monks of nearby Abbey of Conques and are claimed to be particularly good for the heart.

VINEYARD AREA: 21 hectares

SOIL TYPES: iron rich clay

GRAPE VARIETIES: fer servadou

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | All the harvesting is done manually and chemicals are avoided as much as possible. They have won awards at many competitions and tastings, including at the highest level in France, the famous Concours Agricole in Paris.

WINES |

Marcillac Rosé - This cherry red A.O.C Marcillac rosé, with its intense full bouquet perfumed by a hint of tart fruitiness, was vinified for 15 days in stainless steel tanks.

Marcillac Rouge - This AOC Marcillac has a deep purplish hue and blends dark berries with a touch of spice and peony on the palette. Vinified in 100% stainless steel tanks.

PRESS | "Planted on terrasses of "rougiers" (a red iron rich soil) the vineyards dominate the small village of Clairvaux d'Aveyron, birthplace of modern day Marcillac. The vigneron, Michel Laurens, has as another talent a knack for the distillation and among his eaux-de-vies, proposes a rare gentiane made without the typical maceration. Made from Mansois (the local name for Fer Servadou), the only variety for the AC (in fact, up to 10% of Cabernet is permitted, but Laurens has none in his wine) the red is always typical and a sure value. For its impeccable constitution, the 2005 will not hurt the reputation while the rosé 2005 is seductively mouth filling and fresh." - Le Revue du Vin de France, July/August 2006.


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