Forgeron Dubois

Merlot 2020

The Languedoc is the largest wine growing region in the world with vineyards sweeping inland from its gentle Mediterranean coast to the rugged Pyrenees mountains. This spectacular landscape is dotted with wine domaines. It has 150 miles of coastline with large sandy beaches for summer time fun and where pink flamingos spend their winters. Artists have always flocked here ; Picasso, Matisse, Chagall, found inspiration in Collioure, one of the typical sleepy villages along the coast.

Forgeron Dubois new venture by James Fleetwood, owner of British importer/distributor Delibo Wines, and Languedoc-based exporter Tim Smith. With balanced wines and reasonable alcohol levels in mind, they have combined with acclaimed Languedoc winemaker Floris Lemstra, owner of Château Canet in the Minervois, to source fruit from the cooler, western part of the region in order to produce wines that are at once food-friendly and easy to drink.

PRODUCTION AREA: Languedoc Roussillon, in the cool climate region near Carcassonne

GRAPE VARIETIES: 100% Merlot

QUALITY: Appellation - IGP Oc

STYLE: Medium weight red

DESCRIPTION:
- ***Colour:*** Bright cherry red
- ***Nose:*** Clean ripe berry fruits
- ***Taste:*** Medium-bodied and with the plummy fruit so typical of Merlot, this is a dry, naturally fruity wine with good mouthfeel and some persistence on the finish. Perfect as a by-the-glass serve, it is easy to drink.

VINIFICATION: Forgeron Dubois Merlot is made from fruit harvested at night to avoid any heat damage to the grapes. Fermentation is in temperature-controlled stainless steel vats of 100 to 200 hectolitres, followed by a maceration on the skins of about two weeks, and early bottling. Unlike many wines of this style, there is no residual sugar, and thus no need to strip the wine of much of its character by excessive filtration or heat treatment.

ANALYSIS:
Alcohol: 13.5% by volume
Acidity: 5.4
Residual sugar: <1 g/l

AGEING CAPACITY: 2 years

SERVING: Conceived as an 'any occasion' wine, Forgeron Dubois Merlot is as good to drink on its own as it is with red meats, sausages, hard cheese, mild curries, burgers…..



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