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Domaine des Schistes Casot d'en Gora

COUNTRY	ABV
France	13.5%
REGION	VARIETALS
Languedoc-Roussillon	Grenache Blanc Grenache Gris Macabeau
APPELLATION	
AOP Cotes du Roussillon	

WINERY

Domaine des Schistes prides itself on the rich history of the Roussillon and operates with a philosophy that prioritizes regional tradition while also emphasizing modern styles and methodology, focusing on estate-bottled wine, vineyard-specific cuvees, and committing to organic winemaking. Their first vinification was in 1989 and their vineyard holdings have since grown to cover 55 hectares.

As the name suggests, the domain is planted mostly on shaly marls. Their vineyards lie on the slopes of the Corbieres foothills, largely in superficial soil that requires the vine's roots to grow deep down into the faults of the mountain to extract the necessary moisture. The diversity of soil, exposure, and microclimate across their vineyard sites enables Domaine des Schistes to produce a range of wines, each with its own striking character yet hallmarked by a mineral touch from the shale soils and the warmth of the Roussillon's grape varieties.

CULTIVATION

From grapes grown in shale marles and limestone scree in the foothills of Corbieres. Cultivation without pesticides or synthetic fertilizers.

VINIFICATION

Vinified with minimal sulfites in 2,000L Austrian barrels and demi-muids.

AGING

Aged six months in demi-muids.

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TASTING NOTES

Zesty aromas give way to a creamy profile of pureed peach, warm pineapple and glazed melon notes that are well-spiced and detailed with herb, smoke and mineral elements. Hints of vanilla linger on the spicy finish. Grenache Blanc, Grenache Gris and Macabeu.