

Decanter 90 PTS 2021



TASTING NOTES

Cabernet heavy, so look for more intensity and some lifted mid-pallet thanks to oak aging. The wine is complex and pairs with all sorts of dishes, but you'll really just hammer this back on your own.

Arrogant Frog Cabernet-Merlot

COUNTRY France ABV 13.5%

REGION Languedoc

APPELLATION IGP Pays d'Oc VARIETALS 55% Cabernet Sauvignon 45% Merlot

WINERY

Jean-Claude Mas, first-generation winemaker, fourth generation grape grower, and owner of Les Domaines Paul Mas, is a leader in fine winemaking in the Languedoc region of Southern France. Since taking the helm of the family winery in 2000, he has prioritized sourcing the highest quality grapes from twelve privately-owned estates and premier growers in the Languedoc to make wines of authenticity and refinement. Within just a few years of its launch, Arrogant Frog has become the mascot of all the estates. Jean-Claude has shown that with creativity, expertise, and humor, the wines of the Languedoc find eager drinkers across the globe. Château Arrogant Frog encompasses 20 hectares of vineyards in Grand Cru Limoux, 15 of which are organically farmed and five are certified Terra Vitis. Despite their Old World roots, Arrogant Frog wines will appeal to more New World palates with fresh, bright fruit and unique varietal character.

CULTIVATION

The vines are 15-25 years old and are planted on clay, limestone and gravel soils. These vineyards are managed with total respect for the environment.

VINIFICATION

Skin contact at 50°F for 3 days prior to 6 days fermentation at 75-78°F. This includes daily pump overs followed by a 9 day maceration for the Cabernet and 8 days for the Merlot under temperature control (75°F max). The blend is made in November before putting the wine in barrels.

AGING

25% of the blend is aged in new oak barrel for 4 months. The other 75% are matured in stainless steel vats. After taking the wine off the barrels it is aged for a further 2 months in vats prior to bottling.

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