



CHATEAU de PIBARNON

Château de Pibarnon - Les Restanques - 2003

Grape variety

70% MOURVEDRE - 30% GRENACHE.

Terroir

A restanque is an hill-side terrace, where vineyards are planted.

The wine of Les Restanques is the second label of CHATEAU DE PIBARNON. From the same soil, but with a bit younger vines, it is still characterized by the Grenache.

This new wine makes the "Grand vin" stronger in its minerality, deepness and finesse, but offers in the same time a wonderful Bandol, suave, and having a nice bouquet

Winemaking

Grapes receipted and put into tanks by gravity, without using any must pump, in order to respect a good grape integrity.

Traditionnal vinification in stainless steel tanks, with total de-stemming.

Punching of the cap everyday for a better extraction of aroma and fine tannins from the grape skin.

Long fermentation (during 25 days).

MATURING during 20 months, a part in new oak barrels from the center of France (big barrels), and another part in oak casks. The whole is bottled in June 2005.

Tasting

The Red 2003 Restanques de Pibarnon immediately reveals the quality of its origins. It offers a great aroma intensity, thanks to its soil: little red and black berries, floral marks, a few delicate spices and a hint of pepper. The mouth is worthy of great wines: full, well-balanced, with elegant and silky tannins. A very pleasant, suave and racy wine, to drink now or next years.

Vintage

Great vintage. Cold and rainy winter, and a nice spring, before the well known heatwave. Fortunately, ground floors of this great soil has kept enough moisture thanks to good winter rains. Furthermore, with the altitude, the nights are quite fresh. Consequently, harvesting was quite late for this vintage (from 5 to 25 of September), offering a beautiful ripeness, and a good freshness.

Harvest

Hand picked grapes with a small team of pickers. Grapes harvested in small boxes.

Yield

35 hectoliters per hectare (about 1700 t/acre)

Surface: 5 hectares on hill-side, at an altitude of 200 m above sea level.

