



CORBIÈRES

APPELLATION D'ORIGINE CONTRÔLÉE

Le P'tit Spencer (The Little Spencer)

Grape Variety	Carignan (50%), Mourvèdre (20%), Syrah (15%), Grenache (15%)
Terroir / Soils	Corbières (terroir Boutenac). Clay limestone soils within a natural amphitheatre surrounded by pine trees and garrigue. The specific <i>climat</i> offers soil containing aeolian sand, atypical for the Corbières, giving the wines more suppleness and soft fruit character.
Viticulture	Sustainable viticulture (' <i>culture raisonnée</i> '). Organic fertilizers only; no systemic treatments – all interventions according to need, based on observation and analysis. Severe winter pruning to restrict yields (38-50 hl/ha, depending on the variety); gobelet for Carignan, Grenache and Mourvèdre, guyot for Syrah. Carefully harvested at optimal ripeness.
Vinification	De-stemming and fermentation with indigenous yeasts. Temperatures strictly controlled for maximum fruit character and to avoid extraction of any bitter tannins. Maceration 20-25 days followed by gentle pressing. 13.5° vol.
Maturation	Matured in vat. Blending after five rackings (to avoid an overly robust filtration). Bottled at the Château.
Serving note	Deeply coloured, with sweet plum fruit and delightful mineral overlay on the nose. A light-medium bodied wine, with supple juicy fruit, notes of spice and garrigue. Smooth, light tannins and juicy finish. Serve 18°C. Accompanies tapas, Mediterranean cuisine, white meats.
Awards	<u>2011 vintage</u> : SILVER Medal : Decanter World Wine Awards SILVER Medal : International Wine Competition



« Une très bonne surprise sous la bannière corbières. Voila la nouvelle école : du vin pour se régaler, la version bachique du raisin, le terroir en plus. L'air de ne pas se prendre au sérieux, ce jus pimpant associe carignan, syrah, grenache et mourvèdre. Le cassis y épouse la cerise avec une touche de tabac frais, le tout sur un profil croquant. »
 ("A nice surprise for a Corbières. The new school : wine to treat yourself, the version Bacchus with terroir thrown in to boot. Not taking itself too seriously, a zappy number from carignan, syrah, grenache and mourvedre. Cassis wedded with cherry, and a touch of tobacco, all over a juicy frame.")

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