

HB Wine Merchants presents wines from M. Chapoutier



FRANCE

Domaine de Bila-Haut Rivesaltes

Appellation Rivesaltes Controlee



Brand Highlights

- The original area for the production of Vin Doux Naturel
- Matured in the cellars and released after a minimum of 6 years
- Made in limited quantities with total dedication to Terroir

The Estate

Purchased by Michel Chapoutier in 1999, Bila Haut is located in an the best part of the Languedoc called the Cotes du Roussillon. Historically the site was one of the first areas planted for viticulture by the Greek Mariners and has been continuously a wine region known for making top quality wines. In 1972 this AOC (controlled appellation) wine brought together under the same label the previous Vins Doux Naturels wines (Natural muscatel wines), Rivesaltes, Côtes d'Agly and Côtes de Haut Roussillon, dating from 1936. Both sweet and strongly perfumed, these wines earned acknowledgement at an early date.

Benoît XIII (1360), Jean Ier (1350) ..., are known to have been keen buyers of these wines. The vineyard is an alluvial deposit terrace and is comprised of shingles, limestone, and schist blended, called the "Crest".

Wine Making

In this wine Grenache is center stage and harvested late. It is then crushed, fortified and undergoes a month long maceration. Part is aged in oak for a limited time while part is aged in cement vat for an extended period of time. After the wine softens and matures it is bottled without filtration to keep the subtle nature and nuances intact in the wine. The average production of this wine is 150 cases.

Tasting Notes

This wine displays the true character of a Chapoutier wine, it lets the Terroir speak and define the wine. It has a dark garnet-red color and aromas of ripe berries, figs, raspberry jam, and blackberry. The unctuous palate is rich and full with smooth mellow tannins and a elegant structure. It is perfect with aged dry cheeses and of course, chocolate.

Press

- 2001 Vintage 88 Points from Wine Spectator

Product Specifications

- Available in 6/500ml only with natural cork
- UPC Code: 8 75734 00007 3
- SCC Code:
- Case dimensions: 16"x12"x3.5"
- Sustainable Farming practices-Vegan Friendly-Biodynamic