

CHÂTEAU MINUTY

MINUTY

Brought to life in 2014, Minuty's modern tasting room (pictured) and cellar is perfectly situated on the hillsides overlooking the Bay of St. Tropez.



Rose et Or 2020 Côtes de Provence, France

ESTATE

Château Minuty is the global leader in Côtes de Provence rosé, and beyond that it can be argued is the most important estate in the history of Provence rosé. The Saint-Tropez based, family owned estate has been, since its founding, one of the quality leaders for the region. Minuty then became one of the most visible producers in the second half of the 20th century, a result of quality production and commercial foresight when no one in the region could imagine the global phenomenon Provence rosé would become. And then in the last two decades, Minuty defined the vision for and led the unbelievable growth in Provence rosé around the globe. All this achieved by a family estate now in its third generation, led by two brothers overseeing all the vineyard work, winemaking and sales.

WINE

Rose et Or encapsulates the Chateau Minuty Saint-Tropez estate. It speaks of the seaside with its freshness and flavors, and represents the ultimate in what a quality Côtes de Provence rosé can achieve: its gentle freshness giving way to concentrated, almost gourmet flavors. It moves from the terrace to the white table cloth like no other.

VINEYARD

Rose et Or comes exclusively from the original estate vineyard, a half mile from the ocean and the Gulf of Saint-Tropez. The quality of this location has always been evident, as the estate was one of the original 18 classified growths in Provence. The vineyard is 100% hand harvested. *Farming:* HVE (Sustainable) Certification

WINEMAKING

Variety: 80% Grenache, 20% Cinsault

Harvest: September 2020

Fermentation: Direct pressing to extract free-run juice only; low temperature fermentation

Aging: 4 months, stainless steel

Alcohol: 12.5%

VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage saw a particularly warm winter causing an early growing season. Frost in March has impacted the overall production, but the consequent natural low yields have resulted in great concentration of the berries producing wines with exceptionally rich aromas. The frost contributed also in slowing down the growing cycle allowing moderate sugar concentration and lower alcohol (around 12.5%) while harvesting at full phenolic ripeness. The result is one of the best vintages in recent years, expressive and marked by a delightful freshness, signature of Minuty rosés.

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"Light, vivid peach skin. A highly perfumed bouquet evokes fresh red berries, pit fruits, orange zest and honeysuckle. Silky in texture and lively in style, offering incisive strawberry, nectarine and blood orange flavors that deepen through the midpalate. Shows excellent clarity and repeating florality on an impressively long finish that leaves a subtle fennel note behind." - J.R., 6/2021

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