

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.

281 Rosé 2021

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

281 refers to the Pantone number of the royal blue glaze that elegantly cascades down the side of the bottle. It evokes the sky and sea of Minuty's French Riviera home, and the deep blue that appears after the strong afternoon wind. 100% estate fruit from a single old-vine plot of Grenache whose clone is exclusive to Château Minuty; 281 is the ultimate reflection of their unique seaside vineyard.

VINEYARD

Exceptionally small quantities harvested from Minuty's own plot of old-vine grenache in their estate vineyard, only half a mile from the Gulf of Saint Tropez. All fruit is 100% hand harvested.

Farming: HVE (Sustainable) Certification

WINEMAKING

Harvest: September 2021

Variety: 90% Grenache, 10% Syrah

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

Aging: 4 months, stainless steel

Alcohol: 12.5%

VINTAGE

The 2021 harvest was one that was overshadowed by extreme and unlikely conditions in Provence. Marked by the consequences of an April frost just as budbreak was underway, the summer heat and regional wildfires kept vignerons at the edge of their seats right up until harvest. Thanks to a typically dry, warm Mediterranean summer, grapes were brought to full maturity with harvest beginning a week early on August 17th. Resulting yields were even greater than 2020, with rosés revealing intense aromas of white peach and grapefruit. The balance in these wines express a great aromatic freshness and a high overall quality.

WINEENTHUSIAST

Cellar Selection

This is a serious rosé, still young and tight. Its future and aging potential come from the wine's density and beautifully perfumed character. With a little time, this will be a splendid wine. - R.V., 4/2022

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