

GENERAL TECHNICAL SHEET

SITUATION:

Located 50 km East of Marseille, Château de Pibarnon is situated 300 meters high, facing the sea, above the small port of Bandol.

Surface: 45 hectares, the highest altitude vines of the Bandol Appellation.

<u>THE SOIL</u> is a rocky, stony blend of clay and limestone, from the TRIAS geological period beginning of secondary era.

Very interesting SANTONIAN BLUE MARL can also be found in this "terroir".

<u>TERROIR</u>: The high proportion of limestone in the soil favors the development of noble aromas in the wines and permits the extraction of fine tannins, giving the wines structure and elegance.

<u>GRAPE VARIETY</u> The main grape variety is MOURVEDRE.

PRODUCTION: from 31 to 38 hectoliters per hectare (about 1.8 t/acre). Hand picked.

THE RED PIBARNON Production area: 30 hectares

- 95 % MOURVEDRE
- 5 % GRENACHE
- Temperature controlled fermentation.
- Long maceration of 20 days minimum.
- Aging for 19 months in large oak barrels.
- One single bottling, between May and June.

THE ROSÉ PIBARNON Production area: 15 hectares

- 50% de MOURVÈDRE for both structure and aromas
- 50% de CINSAULT for elegance and delicacy
- Blend of both juices is fermented at low temperature, slowly for 15 days.
- Unlike other southern French Rose, ours can improve with age.

THE WHITE PIBARNON Production area : 5 hectares

- 50% de CLAIRETTE
- 30% de BOURBOULENC
- 20% mostly ROUSSANNE, with some VIOGNIER and MARSANNE
- Blend of grapes is slowly fermented at low temperature (15 20 days).
- Tank aged, no wood.