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Chateau Henri Bonnaud Overview

Owner: Stephane Spitzglous

Country: France

Region: Provence

Founded: 1940s

Annual Production: ~8,000cs

Description: Chateau Henri Bonnaud is one of only three producers based in the tiny Provence AOC of Palette, just a few miles south of Aix-en-Provence at the foot of famed Mont Sainte-Victoire. Family-owned for generations, Henri's grandson Stephane currently oversees the 30 acre estate. All of the wines are certified organic, sourced entirely from estate-owned plots.

Wine Notes – 2020 Henri Bonnaud Steff Rose

Henri Bonnaud's Steff Rose is a blend of Syrah, Grenache and Cinsault grown in and around the Palette micro-appellation. The wine is bottled under the flexible IGP Mediterranee rules, enabling the wine to be enjoyed immediately. The grapes are destemmed, fully sorted, then pressed to undergo cold maceration (3 to 4 hours), followed by an extended fermentation in stainless steel and three additional months of aging (no lees contact). Steff is released without any bottle age to maximize its light and fresh style. The result is a coral-colored beauty with a delicate nose and balanced mouthfeel with hints of red fruit and liquorice.



90 Points (August 2021)

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:

Syrah, Grenache, Cinsault

Vineyard Region:

Provence / IGP Mediterranee

Vine Age / Yields:

15 years

Production Volume:

3,000 cases / year

Vineyard Soils:

Clay-limestone

Wine-Making / Vinification:

Destemmed, pressed, cold maceration (3-4 days) prior to 21-30 day fermentation in stainless steel followed by 3 months of aging (no lees contact).

Filtered and fined

Residual Sugar:

1.0 g/L

pH:

3.5

Alcohol / Volume:

13.0%