

100% Syrah

## CÔTE-RÔTIE SEIGNEUR DE MAUGIRON 2022 Rhône, France

## OVERVIEW

This very ancient region dates back to the Roman Era and is located on the right bank of the Rhône. This cuvée is a blend of grapes coming from the Côte Brune and the Côte Blonde vineyards. It is said that during the Middle Ages, "The Seigneur de Maugiron" gave a hillside to each of his two daughters — one was brunette and the other blonde—thus, were born the names of "Côte Brune" and "Côte Blonde." Wines from the Côte Blonde tend to be more delicate and lighter in character than the fuller wines of the Côte Brune. Together they make a wine of style and substance. The steep, terraced hillsides along the river produce wines that are among the biggest reds of France.

## WINEMAKING

In the northern part of the vineyard, the Côte Brune consists of extremely steep, terraced slopes of ferruginous mica schists which are covered with schist sand (arzel). The Côte Blonde has a varied geology with gneiss and granite predominating at the most southern side of the appellation. The climate is tempered continental with dry, hot summers and regular rainfall during other seasons. The grapes for the "Seigneur de Maugiron" cuvée are picked by hand, plot by plot, at peak maturity. Fermentation takes place in traditional opentopped concrete tanks, following two days of pre-fermentary cold maceration. The maceration process continues under controlled temperatures of 82°F to 86°F. Daily cap pushing down and pumping over are carried out for about 10 days with total vatting time of up to 20 days. The wine is aged for 14 to 16 months, in new or one year old oak casks. The barrels are topped up regularly.



Dense and sleek, with power behind the bitter cherry, dusty earth, black pepper, anise and singed bacon fat flavors, grounded by a solid spine of graphite and mineral energy. Cedar toast and wood spice details chime in, but not too assertively. Power builds for the savory, mouthwatering, sanguine finish, which stretches out. Drink now through 2033.



Deep nose of elderberries, wild blackberries, allspice and orange peel. Very powerful thanks to the abundant healthy tannins that feel finer the farther back the wine flows over your palate. Full-bodied, but with an excellent freshness, the tannins building to an imposing crescendo at the plush finish. Mainly from the Cote Brune section of this appellation. A pure syrah matured exclusively in Burgundian oak barrels, of which almost a third were new. Best from 2027.

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