

## ÉTOILE 2021

AN INNOVATION THAT EXPLORES OUR PROVENÇAL TERROIRS: CLOS MIREILLE, CHÂTEAU DE SELLE AND CHÂTEAU ROMASSAN.





VARIETALS: 80% Grenache | 20% Mourvèdre

## AGING:

25% aged in ceramic vats to accentuate the purity of the fruit.

Domaines Ott was founded in 1912 by Alsatian engineer Marcel Ott. The wines are made at three distinctively different estates: Château Romassan (Bandol), Clos Mireille and Château de Selle (both Côtes de Provence).

Like other Domaines Ott rosés, Étoile has confirmed its great ability to evolve. The most recent tastings of the 2021 vintage show how well it has preserved each estate's innate qualities: the salinity of Clos Mireille, the depth of Château Romassan and the finesse of Château de Selle. As the years go by, the vintage effect will fade but the terroir and the personality of the places will continue to come through strongly.

Étoile reveals the identity of these three Provençal terroirs whilst accentuating their elegance, tension and incredible spirit:

- The schist terroir at Clos Mireille is reflected in the delectable saline character of this cuvée
- The limestone soils at Château de Selle give this wine its finesse
- The calcareous sandstone and sandy marl soils at Château Romassan imbue Étoile with structure and power

## **HARVEST NOTES**

A balmy autumn was followed by an equally mild winter. It was the time for manuring our soils and butting up the vines. After enjoying their rest, the vines stirred into life again with a classic budburst in early spring. On the night of 8 April, some of the vines where hit by frost. But nature surprised us by allowing new buds to emerge and bear fruit. The spring was rainy and the start of the flowering was late. The summer was hot, as it has been for almost 10 years, with heatwaves of varying duration and intensity. Harvest began on August 19th with the Grenache.

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Creamy ripe red fruit, floral notes and garrigue aromas, showing similarity to Domaines Ott's Château de Selle 2021. On the palate there's juicy cherries, raspberries, crunchy red apples and wild berries, not fruit driven but intense, silky and waxy, leading to mouthwatering acidity with firm saline mineral notes and some black fruit (from the Mourvèdre) coming through on the finish. Lovely weight, texture and intensity with plenty of suggestions of more fruit to follow as the wine opens up. Still youthful, needs time to open up a little more.