

DOMAINE DU SOMAIL

VIN DE FRANCE – LALY

Story

The Domaine du Somain is a 15-hectare vineyard rooted in the heart of Minervois. It resulted from a meeting between four passionate partners who love their land and wanted to make their terroir known. Francois, Julie, Germain and Patrick, seeking authenticity, elegance and finesse in their wines, have chosen biodynamic farming. The respect of the cosmic rhythms and the life of the soil, is for Somain fundamental in their practices and their craft. The vine is thus accompanied in its development and reveals in return the potential of the terroir.

Farming Philosophy : Certified Organic (NOP) and biodynamic (Demeter / Biodyvin since 2016)

Named after their oldest daughter 'Laly' – One who speaks well.

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : Merlot/Mourvedre/Cab Sauv/Cab Franc

Plot size : 5,5 ha (13.60 Acres)

Average age of the vines : 25 years

All facing South East

Elevation : 35m (115 ft)

Soils : Clay-limestone terraces

FARMING PRACTICES

- Training method : Cordon de Royat
- No herbicides / No insecticide
- Cover crops
- Agroforestry
- Natural fertilization (chicken and sheep manure)
- Use of essential oils, herbal tea remedies, nettle/alfalfa extract and copper

Winemaking

- Hand-picked grapes/ Destemmed / hand sorted
- Indigenous Yeast
- Fermentation : Temperature-controlled concrete tanks / 15 days
- Maceration technique : pump-overs and unballasting
- Tilted plate press
- Aging : 10 months in stainless steel tanks
- Fined : No
- Filtration : Yes
- SO2 Total : <50ppm
- Vegan : No

Tasting notes

Red fruits of bright cherry and raspberry on the nose with a touch of warm spices, finishing with a round mouth feel

