

CHÂTEAU MINUTY

MINUTY

Brought to life in 2014, Minuty's modern tasting room (pictured) and cellar is perfectly situated on the hillsides overlooking the Bay of St. Tropez.

Rose et Or 2021 Côtes de Provence, France

ESTATE

Château Minuty is the global leader in Côtes de Provence rosé, and beyond that it can be argued is the most important estate in the history of Provence rosé. The Saint-Tropez based, family owned estate has been, since its founding, one of the quality leaders for the region. Minuty then became one of the most visible producers in the second half of the 20th century, a result of quality production and commercial foresight when no one in the region could imagine the global phenomenon Provence rosé would become. And then in the last two decades, Minuty defined the vision for and led the unbelievable growth in Provence rosé around the globe. All this achieved by a family estate now in its third generation, led by two brothers overseeing all the vineyard work, winemaking and sales.

WINE

Rose et Or encapsulates the Chateau Minuty Saint-Tropez estate. It speaks of the seaside with its freshness and flavors, and represents the ultimate in what a quality Côtes de Provence rosé can achieve: its gentle freshness giving way to concentrated, almost gourmet flavors. It moves from the terrace to the white table cloth like no other.

VINEYARD

Rose et Or comes exclusively from the original estate vineyard, a half mile from the ocean and the Gulf of Saint-Tropez. The quality of this location has always been evident, as the estate was one of the original 18 classified growths in Provence. The vineyard is 100% hand harvested. *Farming:* HVE (Sustainable) Certification

WINEMAKING

Variety: 80% Grenache, 10% Cinsault, 10% Rolle

Harvest: September 2021

Fermentation: Direct pressing to extract free-run juice only; low temperature fermentation

Aging: 4 months, stainless steel

Alcohol: 12.5%

VINTAGE

The 2021 harvest was one that was overshadowed by extreme and unlikely conditions in Provence. Marked by the consequences of an April frost just as budbreak was underway, the summer heat and regional wildfires kept vignerons at the edge of their seats right up until harvest. Thanks to a typically dry, warm Mediterranean summer, grapes were brought to full maturity with harvest beginning a week early on August 17th. Resulting yields were even greater than 2020, with rosés revealing intense aromas of white peach and grapefruit. The balance in these vines express a great aromatic freshness and a high overall quality.



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Limpid orange. Bright and sharply focused on the nose, displaying fresh red berry and citrus zest scents that are accompanied by suggestions of pungent flowers and chalky minerals. Dry and penetrating on the palate, displaying juicy redcurrant, strawberry and blood orange flavors that pick up an herbal element on the back half. The mineral and floral notes repeat strongly on a very long, nervy finish that shows sharp definition and closing bite.- J.R., 7/22

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