



**DOMAINE PREIGNES LE VIEUX**  
*RÉSERVE RED – IGP PAYS D’OC – COTEAUX DE BÉZIERS*  
**2021**



Located just 5km to the Méditerranée, on the sunny terraces of Guarriges of the Languedoc vineyards, wife and husband Aurélie & Jérôme Vic are the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of the Vic family to look after the 150h of the estate.

The “Preignes le Vieux” castle, built in 1202, home of the Vic family & winery since 1905, is standing proud in the middle of the vineyard. Its dark colored stone walls are a showcase of the underground Volcanic Terroir, covered by fine alluvial sand, that gives to all their wines the finesse & warmth of the ancient magmatic activity.

The proximity to the Méditerranée offers a natural cooling system keeping the alcohol low and the acidity balanced. This stunning microclimate is allowing them to nurture more than 20 grapes varieties that they blend according to their organoleptic qualities.

In the vineyard, Jérôme practice environment friendly agriculture in order to find the natural balance of the plant. No pesticides are used and all the vines are ploughed mechanically to avoid the use of herbicides.

In the cellar, Aurélie, Oenologist engineer, always seek for the subtle balance of each grape to reveal a natural harmony. Over 20 years of experience in blending makes the difference!

SOIL TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

Blend of volcanic, clay & gravel Terroirs

VARIETAL \_\_\_\_\_

45% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 15% Cinsault & 15% Merlot

VINIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

Harvest at optimum physiological maturity. 100% destemmed.  
 Whole berries are placed in stainless steel vats after harvest.  
 Fermentation starts naturally in the free run juice and inside each berry.  
 8 to 12 days of maceration with daily pump over but no punching of the cap in order to allow optimum extraction of the flavors with soft tannins.  
 Ageing in stainless steel tanks during 6 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES \_\_\_\_\_

This deep purple colored wine delivers notes of “Guarrigue”, with thyme & rosemary, nicely combined with black olive and saffron. Very unctuous and silky in the mouth its shows raspberry notes with subtle lively spice. Tannins stay soft but are to build the wine. The warm basaltic soil is reveling into a mineral finish.

From the same estate:

*Preignes Le Vieux Réserve Rosé IGP Pays d’OC 2021*

