



# LAURENT MIQUEL "SOLAS" PINOT NOIR, IGP PAYS D'OC 2019



Since 1791, eight generations of the Miquel family have worked the vines of their estate high in Languedoc hills.

Laurent represents a new generation of French winemakers, combining the force of his ancestors' wisdom with an innovative approach. He is a farmer first and all the grapes that come in the making of his wine are estate grown with an environment friendly farming.

In a region where high alcohol and low acidity wines are legion, Laurent promote a more balanced approach letting the true character of each grape shine with a nice refreshing acidity and a pure finish. To bottle the wine he is using a nitrogen filling line that allows minimal use of sulfites while naturally protecting the wine against oxidation and offering a long-lasting purity.

"Solas" is the Irish for "light" and in Old French means "joy", "pleasure", "enjoyment". A link between Neasa and Laurent origins...

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

Terroir of *Saint Chinian* AOP.  
Clay and Limestone subsoil under a stony topsoil cover.  
Low yield: 55 hl/ha

## VARIETAL \_\_\_\_\_

100 % Pinot Noir

## CULTURE \_\_\_\_\_

Sustainable farming. Short pruning to encourage low yielding. Nighttime harvesting to preserve the freshness of the bunches.

## VINIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

Destemming. Pre-fermentation cold soaking 5-7 days to extract maximum aromas. Fermentation in stainless steel vats at 61-63°F alternating pump over and plunging. Ageing of up to 6 months in stainless with 20% aged in 1-2 years old barrels. Bottling early spring following the harvest.

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

A well-balanced, food-friendly wine with medium body and light, bright berry flavours – red cherry, raspberry and blackberry. Smooth on the palate with aromas of garrigue strawberries and rosemary and hints of Indian spiced tea on the finish.

*Also available from the estate :*

- "Père et Fils" Chardonnay, Chard-Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc, Cinsault-Syrah Rosé & Syrah-Grenache*
- "Nord Sud" Viognier & Syrah*
- "Solas" Chardonnay*
- "Lagrasse" Albarino VDF*
- Auzines Albarino & Languedoc Rosé*

