

# le Clos du Caillou

## LE BOUQUET DES GARRIGUES - Côtes du Rhône

### White 2011



#### Vintage 2011

An exceptional year: summer spring, spring summer and ideal autumn. The precocity of the spring surprised everybody and accelerated the works in the vineyard.

The flowering took place without block at the beginning of may, leading to predict a very premature harvest (100 days later) for the second week of august. The spring summer, with precipitation in July and in august allowed the vineyard to not suffer with a hydric stress, during the maturation period. As a result the harvest announced for the end of August, began normally on September 12th. "The Indian summer" without precipitation, let us the possibility to harvest some very healthy grapes with perfect maturity. The wine is concentrated, fruity, with a good acidity, remember us the solar character of the 2009 and 2000 vintages.



This wine is a blending of **30% of pink clairette, 15% of Viognier and 15% of Bourboulenc** all planted on the named-place "Les Garrigues" on pebbles soil. The **40% of white Grenache** are planted on the name-place "Les Cailloux" on sandy soil.

#### Winemaking:

The harvest of the white variety started on August 29th and 30th for the white Grenache and the Viognier and on September 9th for Bourboulenc and the pink Clairette.

Harvest are manual, with a sorting in the vineyard. The Grapes were picked early in the morning to preserve the coolness of the night. The grapes are then forwarded in the cellar in boxes of 300kg. After a pneumatic pressing whole cluster, the juice follows a cold settling during one and a half day. Then the alcoholic fermentation takes place in thermoregulated stainless tank. The bottling took place on June 15th 2012, producing 9 888 bottles.

#### Tasting:

*This wine presents a beautiful yellow pale color with yellow gold panner reflection. We discover an elegant nose, on small white flower notes of daisy and hawthorn. The mouth is sumptuous, unctuous, on peach juice aromas, fresh pomelos, red grapefruit, accompanied with white pepper notes.*