le Clos du CXillou

# LE **BOUQUET DES GARRIGUES** CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE

2019



2019 VINTAGE: Vintage with high ageing potential, thanks to exceptional sanitary conditions!

The sanitary conditions of the year are totally different from 2018 as we experienced very dry and hot spring and summer, with a full week of heatwave end of June – temperatures rose about more than 40°c. The hydric deficit impacted strongly the weight of the berries which were small and very concentrated. The sanitary conditions have been excellent with almost no sorting in the vineyard! We harvested very qualitative grapes but with low juice.

Our whites, that we released this year, are outstanding: on the palate, it is full and harmonious, with excellent balance and surprising pH. The reds asked for quite long macerations offering structured wines with great cellaring potential.



Harvest started on August  $22^{nd}$  for Viognier, on August 29th for Roussanne , on September  $3^{rd}$  for Grenache blanc and on September  $16^{th}$  for Clairette. Hand-picking with sorting in the vineyard and then in cellar.

Pneumatic pressing in whole bunches. Cold settling during one night at 10°C. Vinification in stainless steel tanks.

**BOTTLING DATE**: On February 17<sup>th</sup> 2020.

#### **WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:**

This wine has a very nice limpid and crystalline Naples yellow color. We discover an elegant and precise nose dominated by the aromas of white fruit, pear well ripened with notes of Victoria pineapple. The palate is shiny with a lot of freshness and elegance. It has aromas of pineapple sabayon, apricot and yellow nectarine. Very nice length marked by notes of liquorice and Zan.

#### **FOOD AND WINE PAIRING:**

Abalones Pan - Brochette of scallops with Chorizo - Gambas in salt crust.



## YEAR OF CREATION:

1978 Vintage

## VINES YEARS AVERAGE:

45 years old

# **BLEND**:

40% Clairette

30% White Grenache

15% Viognier

15% Roussanne

#### YIELD:

33 hl/ha

#### **SOILS CHARACTERISTICS:**

Sandy soil with round polished stones, located on the lieu-dit "Les Garrigues".



