



Les Clos Perdus “Llum de Lluna” L’Extrême Rouge

Winery: Les Clos Perdus

Category: Wine – Still – Red

Grape Variety: Llendoner Pelut

Region: Côte de Catalan / Roussillon/ France

Vineyard: 4.95 acres in Mas de las Fredas, Vallée de l’Agly

Winery established: 2003

Feature: Biodynamic, Demeter certification



Product Information

Soil: From 4.95 acres of dark schistose marls on steep north-east facing slopes.

Elevation: 260 meters (853 feet)

Age of vines: 60 years old

Vinification: Grapes are hand-harvested into small crates, with selection and sorting occurring in the vineyard. Destemmed without crushing, one week of pre-fermentation. Maceration on skins. Basket pressed 3 days after fermentation started. Fermentation and malo-lactic completed in inox. Aged in inox without movement until Spring of the following year. Bottled without fining or filtration

Yield: 12 hl/ha

Tasting Note:

Production: 1200 bottles

Alc.: 14.0%

Total SO2: 19mg/L

Producer Information

Les Clos Perdus started in 2003 with 1.5 hectares (3.7 acres) of vines in the Corbières Maritime. The Briton Hugo Stewart and the Australian Paul Old have rediscovered forgotten, almost lost vineyards in the Corbières area. This led to the naming "Les Clos Perdus". These are the smallest parcels in which old, gnarled vines grow, with very low yields.

They hoped that if they encouraged the roots of the vines to dig deep, and improved the diversity of life within the soil, they would begin to see in the wines an expression of terroir that would tell them how to proceed. In the following year they acquired more small parcels in the High Corbières hills and on the schistose slopes of the Agly Valley.

Gradually, the lunar like landscape where the vines had been growing slowly transformed into one of greater color and life. Each year has brought a return of more plants and insects while the structure of the soil has been greatly enriched, suggesting an increase in vitality is also happening below the soil. Over time the vines are starting to find a balance within the diversity of their new world.

Now in their 18th year they have 20 hectares (49.5 acres) of organic and bio-dynamic vines. They have established three unique terroirs, each represented by an individual wine: Mire La Mer from The Corbières Maritimes, Priundo from the High Corbières and L’Extrême from the Agly Valley in the Roussillon.

Over time the wines have become better balanced and, although less fruit driven, seem to carry a greater complexity and a stronger expression of their terroir. Organically and biodynamically farmed since 2006, Ecocert certification since 2008. Demeter certification since 2014. Annual production: about 36,000-40,000 bottles.