

Le Tuffeau Merlot, Les Vignobles Foncalieu, IGP 2023



Region

The Languedoc is a vast region stretching across much of the south and Mediterranean with large volume of IGP wine within the distinct areas of l'Aude, Gard and Hérault and also well known appellations such as Minervois, Corbières, Pic Saint Loup and Fitou. It's history dates back to the Greeks and Romans as well as monasteries in the Middle Ages. The Languedoc experiences Mediterranean climate with high levels of sunshine and warmth with low rainfall which are all favourable for grape growing. A wide range of grape varieties are grown including Syrah, Grenache and Carignan and the local variety piquepoul making a range of styles of red, white and rosé wines.

Producer

Established in 1967 in Arzens in the Aude, Les Vignobles Foncalieu is a union of cooperative wineries rooted in the heart of the Languedoc. Over 800 growers work everyday to bring the best from the terroirs from Languedoc- Roussillon, to produce exceptional wines. The name Foncalieu is made up of letters of villages in the region of l'Aude - Fonties de Aude, Capendu - Alzonne - Montolieu. Foncalieu are HVE certified, they advocate strongly for biodiversity. The trees and hedges around some of their vineyards provide shelter for bats, which feed on the insects that are harmful to the vines. A virtuous circle.

Tasting Notes

This wine has seen a long maceration and controlled temperatures in order to get a smooth round tannins, without overly extracting at high temperatures and fermented in inert steel vessels for varietal character. This is a juicy Merlot, bursting full of ripe black plum, damson and elderberry. Well balanced with soft tannins and a medium acidity which complements the ripe fruit flavours.

Food

Perfect with a variety of red meats, winter stews and roasted vegetables.

Technical Information

Country	France
Region	Languedoc
Grape(s)	Merlot (100%)
Type	Red
Style	Smooth
Oaked Style	Unoaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Not applicable	
Alcohol Content	13.5%	
Closure Style	Cork	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	Milk:	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian:	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes



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