



Story of the wine:

Chateau Jouclary is in the south of France, where the world's most romantic and atmospheric medieval castle nestles in the heart of the city of Carcassonne. Close by, in 1530, vineyards were planted by the Guillaume de Jouclary, Consul of Carcassonne, and the estate was founded. Today Chateau Jouclary has 65 hectares of vineyards which lie between the city and the 'Montagne Noir' (Black Mountain) on an airy plateau which is perfect for viticulture. These vineyards are now farmed by 3rd generation winemaker Pascal Gianesini, whose family came from Genova in the early 20th century. The entire estate is certified for sustainable viticulture and the effervescent Pascal makes a range of excellent wines from both local and international grape varieties. Situated in the most western part of the Languedoc wine area - AOC Cabardès - and it gives a clear nod to Bordeaux on the Atlantic to the west by allowing Merlot and Cabernet to mix with southern Languedoc varieties such as Syrah and Grenache. This makes the region a fascinating cross-blood between Languedoc and Bordeaux, and gives the winemakers of the region great palette of colours to work with.

Varietals:

100% Grenache Gris

Area:

Languedoc, France

Av. age of the vines:

14-18 years

Ageing:

Grenache Gris is a pale-skinned mutation of Grenache Noir and in this region its principal use was in the rich sweet idiosyncratic traditional wines, known as Vin Doux Naturel. Pascal has swept tradition aside by keeping the yields low and carefully vinifying it to produce a delicious and intriguing new style of dry white wine.

Descriptions for Wine List:

Pale lemon in colour, it has stone fruit nose with a hint of lemon. On the palate it is very fruity with flavours of peach and mango, leading into almond and marzipan, and finishing with a twist of lime zest and very good length. Complex and interesting wine indeed!

