



GRAND COEUR

MAISON VENTENAC
LES PAIENS "L'IDIOT"
LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON

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After settling in Cabardes, an appellation located in the higher elevation hills of the south of France, and uniquely influenced by both the Mediterranean and the Atlantic ocean, Alain Maurel drew on visionary winemaking methods to develop his estate. In 2010, the vast span of vineyard land and winery was taken over by his eldest daughter, Stéphanie, and her husband Olivier, with the aim of enhancing the potential of this little known French terroir (AOC). Heavily influenced by his travels throughout the winemaking world, Olivier brings precision, purity, and focus to the style of the wines and to the family tradition that continues under the Maison Ventenac name. His main goal remains to make the absolute best wines possible from the incredibly unique terroir that surrounds, even outside of the stipulations dictated by the AOC.

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REGION	Languedoc-Roussillon, France
APPELLATION	Vin de France
VARIETALS	100% Merlot
SOIL	Clay-limestone
VINEYARD ELEVATION	250 m
YIELDS	35hl/ha
VITICULTURE	Hand harvested
WINE MAKING	Wine undergoes non-sulfite fermentation in concrete tanks with indigenous yeasts. The wine then spends 10 days at 38C post-fermentation under a hat. Malolactic fermentation occurs and the wine spends three months ageing in concrete.
TASTING NOTES	L'Idiot is juicy, focused and balanced on the palate with great freshness and minerality reminiscent of river stone.

