

SEPTEMBER 2022 CLUB SELECTION



2021 CHÂTEAU LA BORIE ROSÉ MÉDITERRANÉE IGP, FRANCE



Château La Borie is a single-block 115-hectare estate with 75 hectares of vines and 35 hectares of forests, located in Suze-La-Rousse in the southern part of the Rhône Valley. La Borie is one of the few domains in Côtes-du-Rhône bearing the name of a Château. Originally the advanced bastion of the medieval Château de Suze-La-Rousse, it was linked by long underground galleries dug by the Templars. Since then, it has passed through several families. In 2018 Château La Borie came under the care of the Knapp family. Today it is managed by owner and winemaker, Raphael Knapp, who began converting to organic farming in 2019. The property is primarily planted to Syrah and Grenache, with some Cinsault, Mourvèdre and Marselan. In 2021 and 2022, Raphael planted the first white varietals on the property: Bourboulenc, Grenache Blanc, Marsanne, Clairette Blanche, Picpoul, Roussanne and Viognier. Château La Borie is committed to making wines in a traditional (natural) way—with minimal intervention—harvesting earlier and limiting extraction to produce fresh, lively wines with moderate alcohol levels.



The La Borie rosé is composed of 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah from a small 3-hectare plot of vines planted over clay, marl and stone. Hand-harvested and carefully sorted, the grapes were destemmed before undergoing a traditional saignée vinification in temperature-controlled concrete vats at 59°F, to ensure fruit purity in the foreground. No malolactic fermentation. The finished wine was bottled early (in January) to preserve the wine's fresh fruit profile, with a Diam cork closure to guarantee no cork taint.



Light pink peach hue. Very aromatic, with scents of ripe red berries and a hint of chalk. The palate is juicy and fruity, with flavors of red fruit, orange peel, thyme and chalky minerals. Bright acidity and a long, fruit-laced finish. Just delicious!



ROSÉ SELECTION



- RETAIL: \$19.50
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$16.58
- SUGGESTED RECIPE: [Gravlax with Caraway, Coriander & Mustard-Dill Sauce](#)

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2021 DOMAINE DES GRILLEMONTS ROSÉ SAUMUR AC LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE



Renowned for its wines for centuries, the Loire Valley has become the de facto center for organic viticulture and biodynamic winegrowing in France. In the heart of the Loire lies Domaine Chancelle, located on the outstanding limestone soils of Turquant, a small village nestled between Saumur and Chinon. The domain spreads over 14 hectares, and is divided into 26 plots situated on clayey-limestone slopes, planted to 60% Cabernet Franc (60%), with some Chenin Blanc and Pineau de Loire (40%). Thierry and Lydie Chancelle proudly continue a five-generation tradition of winemaking in the region. With Lydie managing the vineyards and Thierry running the cellar operations, they have brought the domaine's winemaking to new heights since taking over in 2000. No chemicals are used in these sustainably farmed vineyards, the focus is on natural viticultural practices, soil preservation and healthy biodiversity throughout the property.



Their wines are a shining example of the excellence that can be achieved when mindful agriculture meets meticulous winemaking. Domaine des Grillemonts is the couple's second label, created to highlight their commitment to sustainability and quality in winemaking. There are a handful of grape varieties that make the most complex and satisfying rosés—and Cabernet Franc is surely one of them. Its characteristic spice and savory notes coupled with the Loire's hallmark minerality of the makes for an exceptionally complex, refreshing rosé that we are thrilled to share with our Wine Club!



100% Cabernet Franc. The grapes were manually harvested and direct pressed to tank for fermentation, followed by a short period of aging on the lees. The finished wine was bottled early to preserve its fresh fruit flavors.



Bright copper pink. Enticing aromas of red berries, rhubarb and chalk. The palate is fresh and clean with crisp acidity, showing ripe red fruits, blood orange, lemon peel and a lovely herbal note. The finish is long and juicy, with a hint of spice and a burst of chalky minerality on the finish.



R O S É S E L E C T I O N

- RETAIL: \$20.50
WINE CLUB MEMBER: \$17.43
- SUGGESTED RECIPE: Fresh Fig, Mascarpone & Goat Cheese Tart