

CHÂTEAU MARIS



GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

Premier Cru recognized in Languedoc in 1999, La Livinière (meaning "place planted with vines") is located in the heart of the Minervois, between Toulouse and Montpellier. The Cru is located at the foot of the Montagne Noire, it includes the old villages of La Livinière, Félines-Minervois and Siran. This sector benefits both from a spring mildness allowing it to escape the late frost and from a freshness coming from the mountains and other north winds.

TERROIR

The terroir, with a very gentle slope and facing south facing the sun, is home to a mixture of schist, sandstone, quartz, marble and limestone have been present for more than 50 million years.

The soils are composed of sand and clay strewn with pebbles and form terraces at altitudes conducive to the cultivation of vines. Nourished by the Mediterranean sun and swept by the fresh wind from the Black Mountains and the Pyrenees, the vines benefit from a privileged climate. Fig trees, broom, thyme, olive trees, oaks and pines influence the plots giving the wines of Château Maris a unique personality.

VITICULTURE PRACTICES

Biodynamic viticulture, mechanical soil maintenance, manual pruning, hand disbudding, high trellising (2.50m), plant cover on most plots, and utilisation of cow manure

HARVEST

100% Manual harvest, the majority of the harvest is destemmed, other cuvées are in whole bunches. We start with a sorting table, followed by a manual sorting table.



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ABOUT THE DOMAINE

- Owners: Kevin Parker and Robert Eden
- Domain Manager: Robert Eden
- Appellation: AOC Cru La Livinière
- Area: Félines-Minervois, Siran, La Livinière
- Vineyard area: 45 hectares
- Places known as: Brama, La Touge, Les Planels, Las Combes, Les Amandiers
- Soil: Nothing on the scale of the planet's history. Long enough, however, to form the vast limestone slab of the Causse de Minerve and lay the foundations of the mineral melting pot of the La Livinière terroir. A mixture of shales, sandstone, quartz, marble and limestone, pebbles, sand and clay where alluvium and erosion have patiently done their work.
- Average annual production: 190,000 bottles
- Grapes: Syrah, Grenache, Carignan and Grenache Gris

ABOUT THE CELLAR

- Eco-designed hemp vinification cellar
- Two rainwater collection tanks
- Produces all of its electricity via solar panels on the roof
- Semi buried building without heating or cooling systems
- concrete tanks, concrete eggs and French oak barrels are used for the vinification and aging processes



ABOUT THE BCORP LABEL

- In 2016, Château Maris was certified B Corp, becoming the first winery in Europe to achieve this and is currently one of only 26 in the world. B Corp assesses the entire structure in five areas: governance, environment, community, employees and customers. Château Maris was named “Best Environment for the World” in 2017 and 2018. We are continually working to reduce our carbon footprint and find meaningful ways to engage and give back to our community.

ABOUT OUR BIODIVERSITY

- Our Biodiversity study was carried out by Aude Nature between June 2020 and March 2022, a great wealth of species and diversity was observed for this region. 123 different species of animals and insects live together on our land. But also hundreds of woody species (trees, shrubs and shrubs). Following the results Château Maris has created an action plan to help increase and maintain the wealth that is present.
- We were awarded the Selective Robert Parker Green Emblem in 2022, currently only 40 wineries have been selected including Cheval Blanc, Henschke, Pontet-Canet and Ridge



ABOUT THE TRANSPORT OF OUR WINES

- We have been taking steps to reduce our carbon footprint since converting to organic in 2002. The Grain de Sail partnership was ideal for us as it closes the loop from production to transportation. Grain de Sail is the first modern cargo sailboat to transport goods meeting merchant marine and professional sailing standards. This ship has a capacity of 50 tons and carries out transatlantic transport from the port of Saint Malo to New York. The return of the ship is made with the hold full of chocolates and organic coffee.



CHÂTEAU MARIS WINE REVIEWS

Wine and Spirits TOP 100 wineries in 2020 and 2022

“Château Maris, a Minervois estate producing wonderful wines full of character...” Jeb Dunnuck

The Les Amandiers cuvée turned out to be “to die for, a great vintage!” Peter Dean (The Buyer)

Chateau Maris Les Planels “Who wouldn’t like that? » Wine and Spirits.

“Château Maris is a virtuous force for good: good for workers, good for communities and good for the environment”. He produces quality wines by adopting practices that respect not only nature, but also the men and women with whom he works.” Grape experiences

“Château Maris is the most environmentally friendly estate in the world! Wine spectator.

“Robert Eden of Château Maris is featured in the Master Winemakers edition of Avant-garde Business Winegrowers winemakers working for change!” Drinks Business.

“The sensational red of Minervois” Money week Wine club (Matthew Jukes)