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Le Grand Clos IGP Cité de Carcassonne

The Domaine at-a-glance

Owners: Henri & Jean-Luc Sarraïl
Winemakers: Henri & Jean-Luc Sarraïl
Soil: Clay, Limestone, and Alluvial Deposits
Size: 100 Ha **Location:** Cazilhac, France
Appellations Produced: IGP Cité de Carcassonne

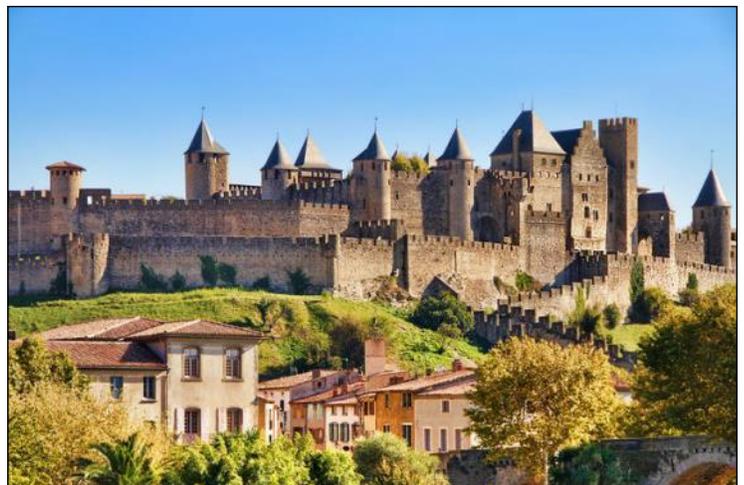


Jean-Luc & Henri Sarraïl

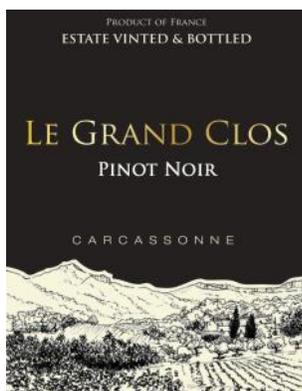
After a long search, Henri Sarraïl found the vineyards that make up Grand Clos. He believed that this vineyard had an untapped potential, and in 1980 he purchased the vineyard and winery. In 2000 Jean-Luc Sarraïl joined the team at the winery to help his father in his pursuit of making exceptional wines from their terroir. Facing the Pyrenees, surrounded by vineyards, and hillsides speckled with pine trees and flowers, this is truly a magical place. Le Grand Clos is located near the world famous medieval city of Carcassonne. Exceptional climate conditions and terroir allow them to produce high quality wines. From the very beginning Henri's philosophy has been "To channel our passion, combining tradition and modernity, in order to create exceptional wines, with the utmost respect of our terroir".

About Carcassonne:

Know as "La Cité" of Carcassonne, it is the largest, standing, fortified city in Europe. Beginning as a Roman fortress in 100 B.C., succeeding generations added layer upon layer of fortifications, until it grew to its present size. In the 12th century, Carcassonne was a stronghold for the Cathars, until in 1209 Papal crusaders forced them to surrender. From 1247 until the treaty of the Pyrenees in 1659, Carcassonne was of vital strategic importance to the French, as it marked the border between France and the Kingdom of Aragon (Spain). After 1659 Carcassonne lost its military significance and fell into disrepair. In 1849 the fortress was in such a bad state that the French government ordered it to be demolished. However, public outcry was so great that in 1853 restoration of the city began. Though the restoration is not 100% historically accurate, Carcassonne is still considered one of the great marvels of Europe.



"La Cité" of Carcassonne



100% Pinot Noir

Le Grand Clos - Pinot Noir 2014

Technical Notes:

The grapes are harvested at the peak of ripeness, then are immediately taken to the winery, where they are sorted, destemmed, and crushed. The grapes undergo a week-long, cold, pre-fermentation before a month-long maceration. The wine is aged in a combination of tronconique oak fermenters, and stainless steel tanks before bottling.

Tasting Notes:

Le Grand Clos - Pinot Noir has a beautiful nose full of cherry and red licorice aromas. In the mouth, flavors of strawberry and delicate spice notes, mingle with red cherry notes. This wine has a bright, balanced acidity, making it a great match for a wide variety of foods. The Grand Clos Pinot Noir can be paired with dishes ranging from salmon and turkey, to pork and even lamb.