

Château Coupe Roses Minervois



Minervois Bastide 2020

*Françoise le Calvez and her family have run Château Coupe-Roses since 2008. The domaine's vineyards are in the highest elevations in Minervois, leading to cooler growing conditions, even cooler nights and harvests that start two weeks later than those of their colleagues located down on the plains of Minervois. Their vines are planted on clay and limestone heights, with many up on top of the plateau that oversees the village of Minerve, which gave the appellation its name. Consequently, they get more elegant, lower octane wines. Their 2020 Minervois "Bastide" bottling includes six percent syrah, with the balance nearly equal parts of grenache and carignan. The wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts and raised entirely in tank, with the 2020 coming in at 13.5 percent octane. It offers up a lovely, refined nose of black cherry, dark berry, garrigue, bonfire and a fine base of chalky soil tones. On the palate the wine is deep, ripe and full-bodied, with fine mineral undertow, a good core, moderate tannins and a long, complex and well-balanced finish. This is certainly approachable today, but will be even more interesting if given a few years in the cellar to let its tannins soften up a bit more. **It packs impressive complexity and breed for an entry level bottling of Minervois and is a great value.** [Emphasis added.]*

90 pts– John Gilman, View from the Cellar, July-August 2022