



## COUPE ROSES MINERVOIS GRANAXA

certified biodynamic and organic

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In the 1980s Françoise Le Calvez took over a small domaine from her father, a veteran of WWII. In the decades that followed, she increased its vineyard surface to nearly 150 acres, working side by side with her husband and later her kids, who in turn have recently taken the reins. The domaine's vines are deep in the Minervois hinterland, in its highest, coolest, most windswept zone, growing on an otherworldly limestone karst plateau.

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### VINEYARD

- Site:** Most of the parcels are on the karst plateau above the village of La Caunette, downstream from Minerve (which gives its name to Minervois). In addition, 15 acres grow across the canyon on the karst outcropping that makes up the summit of the La Livinière zone.
- Elevation:** 750 to 1,350 feet above sea level with most over 1.000 feet.
- Soil:** Rocky limestone.
- Vines:** Demeter certification for biodynamic farming, Ecocert certification for organic farming. Most of the vines are mature, sown with various grasses and legumes, and hand harvested.
- Varieties:** *Granaxa* is Occitane dialect for Grenache and this is the domaine's Grenache cuvée with 10% Syrah.

### CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** Destemmed, with a long maceration and spontaneous ferments in steel, then racked into second and third-year oak barrels for 12 months.
- Profile:** Rich red fruit with earthy overtones.
- Production:** 1,000 cases.
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