



LA CLOSERIE DES LYS LES FRUITIÈRES ROUGE

Closerie des Lys lies west of Limoux in a lovely, isolated mountain valley high in the Pyrenean foothills near the Spanish border. It's a location that offers superb mountain coolness tempered by Languedoc's sunshine. The domaine meticulously farms 240 acres of vines and makes energetic wines with unbeatable price/quality ratios.



VINEYARD

- Site:** The high Pyrenean hills of Limoux in *Haute Vallee de l'Aude*—a narrow band following the Aude River from Limoux to Quillan which is the coolest zone in Limoux. Climate is Mediterranean with nocturnal freshness due to the Pyrénées Mountains.
- Elevation:** Closerie's vines grow in various parcels between 650 and 1,950 feet above sea level.
- Soil:** Clay-limestone soil full of marine sediment.
- Vines:** Vines face south and east. Harvested by machine in the early morning hours.
- Varieties:** Based on Merlot with about 5% each of Cabernet Franc, Grenache and Syrah.

CELLAR

- Vinification & Aging:** Grapes are de-stemmed but not crushed and are vinified with a mix of spontaneous and yeasted ferments. Élevage is entirely in steel.
- Production:** 6,000 cases.
- Profile:** The cabernet notes sing in this mountain red—herbs, tobacco and vibrant, low-octane red fruit. A terrific value.
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