

Domaine Paul Meunier

Centernach, Roussillon



Côtes du Roussillon “Quartier Libre” 2023

Full bottle 1,319 g. Grenache, Carignan, Syrah, Lladoner Pelut. Aged in neutral barrels. Low added sulphites. 5,991 bottles made. Farmed with agroforestry and permaculture. Certified organic (Ecocert). A wine that smells like a child lifted up two palms cupped full of glimmers to your nose. Strawberries, raspberries, woodland mushrooms, midnight in summer, a nugget of mica glinting in a cup of transparent gold-red tea. Tannins that feel like an old-fashioned helter-skelter, going down on a battered cushion, flying and laughing with at least one splinter in your hand and bump on your behind. Fruit that tastes as delicious as a red-lipped, strawberry-stained, sweetheart kiss. And then, in the middle, a silent plunk of mouth-watering minerality, as if someone dropped a smooth dark pebble into the middle of a still, deep, dark pool. A wonderful wine, full of joy.

17.5/20 pts– Tamlyn Currin, jancisrobinson.com, January 2026

Côtes du Roussillon “Quartier Libre” 2020

Paul Meunier is from the family that owns Domaine Jean-Jacques Confuron in Vosne-Romanée, but his winemaking travels had taken him far from Burgundy (Lebanon and Australia) before he and his wife Lucile settled in Roussillon. Their Quartier Libre bottling is made from a blend of fifty percent Carignan, twenty percent each of Grenache and Syrah and ten percent Lledoner Pelut. The wine is fermented with native yeasts and raised in older Burgundy casks. The wine’s aromatic constellation is deep and complex, wafting from the glass in a mix of dark berries, grilled meats, pepper, garrigue, stony soil tones and a topnote of chicory. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and nicely transparent down to its foundation of soil, with a fine core of fruit, moderate tannins and lovely length and grip on the very well balanced finish...

91 pts– John Gilman, View from the Cellar, September-October 2025

The following has also reviewed this wine:

90 pts– Reggie Solomon, Wine Enthusiast, November 2024

Côtes du Roussillon “Quartier Libre” 2019

Paul Meunier vinifies this wine in the old cave at Centernach from grapes sourced from a number of sites in the Agly Valley, Lesquerde, St Paul and Maury. Great depth of dark black fruits, cherries, blueberries and plum. Smoky and delightful spicy finish with very fresh acidity and fine tannins to back it up.

92 pts— Matthew Stubbs MW. TimAtkin.com, Languedoc-Roussillon 2023

A garrigue-brushed mulberry-dripping kiss of a wine. It's so juicy it's like a large, shiny-ripe, blue-bright round berry popping in your mouth. Like someone put a pin in a purple balloon. It's sumptuous but playful. It's fruit-flashing exuberance but not without a slender central nerve of black rock and the taste of thunder in the corners and smudge of grit in the easy-going, warm embrace of tannins.

17 pts— Tamlyn Currin, JancisRobinson.com, November 2022