



JEAN-LUC COLOMBO "CAPE BLEUE" ROSÉ

Hailed as the winemaking wizard of the Rhône, Jean-Luc Colombo has achieved a high-profile international reputation for making innovative wines that are original, memorable and bursting with personality. Despite a resolute aversion to change in the Cornas region, Colombo has brazenly introduced innovative methods in his vineyards and throughout the production process based on a respect for nature and his fundamental belief that good wine is the culmination of three key elements: terroir, human endeavor and modern winemaking techniques.

Colombo has turned the vineyards of the blue cape near Marseille for the inspiration behind his latest winemaking venture. In a return to his roots, Colombo, a native of the Côte Bleue where he spent his childhood and adolescence, introduced in 2002 a new range of wines from this promontory of land overlooking the bay of Marseille. Known for its shimmering landscape this area of Provence has been captured on canvas by countless artists, most famously Cézanne. Colombo is determined to put it on the wine lover's map with his delicate, yet expressive Cape Bleue Rosé.

PRODUCTION AREA

Country: France

Region: Provence

Appellation: Côteaux d'Aix en Provence AOC

Grapes are manually harvested from the "Blue Cape", hilly vineyards with perfectly white limestone above the bay of Marseille. This region locally known as the Côte Bleue benefits from a warm Mediterranean climate.

GRAPE VARIETIES

40% Syrah; 40% Mourvèdre; 20% Counoise

WINEMAKER

Jean-Luc Colombo

PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES

Grapes are handpicked and fermented for two weeks in temperature-controlled stainless steel vats. The wine is then matured on its lees and bottled in the spring after harvest.

DESCRIPTION

Color: Soft, delicate pink

Aroma: Subtle hints of peach, rose petal and pepper on the nose

Taste: Subtle, round and full of finesse. Surprisingly complex, with intriguing notes of raspberries, fresh cherry, black olive and fennel.

ANALYSIS

Alc.: 12.5%

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

A great rosé to enjoy on its own or with a wide range of appetizers, fish, poultry dishes and vegetarian fare. A perfect wine to share with friends.

BOTTLE SIZES

375ml, 750 ml

