



Domaine La Croix Gratiot

“Lip-Stinging” Wines with Biodiversity

The Domaine de la Croix Gratiot is located on the day-limestone hills which surround the Thau basin. The vineyard covers 33 ha, it benefits from the trade winds and the scents of garrigue. This terroir is rich in color.

The red and yellow of the day-limestone soil, the greens of the garrigue and the blues of the sky and the Thau lake.

The Mediterranean climate allows the grapes to reach optimal maturity and fully further develop their characteristics during the winemaking process.

Attached to the maintenance of biodiversity, Croix Gratiot plant multi-species hedges at the edge of the plot and on the banks of the stream that winds its way through the domain. Bat nesting boxes on the sunny front and along the stream facilitate the activity of pipistrelles, predators of Eudemis. These larval stages butterflies do a lot of damage in the vineyard. We also try to limit them by practicing sexual confusion.

Yves and Hugues have owned the vineyard for 25 years, and decided in 2004 to create the winery. Their daughter Anais Ricome oversees the team for winemaking and sales of their wine since 2007

Picpoul de Pinet: Known as the “Chablis of the South”, the Picpoul de Pinet is a crisp, bright and refreshing wine. Picpoul de Pinet is made from the grape variety, Piquepoul, which is spelled differently for an interesting reason. When the appellation was created they had to alter the spelling of the grape variety in order to include it on the label. For some reason, French wine law does not allow a grape name to be incorporated into the name of an appellation.

The name Piquepoul, literally translates as “Lip Stinger”, referring to the grape’s naturally bright acidity.

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