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Le Grand Cros, L'Esprit de Provence Red (2011)

Producer	Le Grand Cros
Vendor	Barterhouse Wines & Spirits
Supplier/Importer	The Barterhouse
Category	Wine - Still - Red
Grape variety	Esprit
Region	Provence, France
Appellation	Côtes de Provence
Vintage	2011
Alcohol by volume	14.5%



Sizes

750 mL x 6 — BHGCRED

Bottles	\$/bottle	\$/case	\$/oz
1	16.00	96.00	0.63
18	14.33	86.00	0.57
30	12.00	72.00	0.47

Distributor's notes

About the Winery:

Le Grand Cros is a family estate situated in the heart of AOC Ctes de Provence, the world capital of dry ross. This estate was one of the first to produce sparkling rosé made in the traditional method. Grand Cros is one of the most technically innovative estates in southern France from computer models for disease control to advanced infrared measurements for determining grape ripeness. Technology though doesnt mean these wines are not hand crafted, indeed most the grapes are hand-picked.

About the Wine:

An intense ruby and slightly garnet red. The nose is intense and complex combining fruity tones (blueberry and cassis), underlined by some sweet spices. The mouth is first round and supple. Sweet spicy aromas accompany the supple tannins very harmoniously. Dark fruit tones and hints of pepper and spice compliment the delightful body.

Awards: Gold Medal: Great Wines of France Contest, Mâcon 2014

Commended: Decanter World Wine Awards 2014

60% Syrah, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon

About the producer

Le Grand Cros is first a story about a couple, Jane and Hugh Faulkner, who fell in love with a little corner of Provence in 1989. On the 24 hectares of vineyards in the foothills of the Massif des Maures, surrounded by pine and olive trees and dry stone terraces, they restored an ancient Provencal manor house and brought a new lease of life to Le Grand Cros. In 1999, their son Julian joined them to take over the reins and carried out major restructuring of the vineyards and upgrade of the winery. This enabled them to better respect the great potential of the terroir and the environment.

In order to better respect the natural environment along with the quality and authenticity of their wines, Julian strives to blend science and art. He has always been a very early adopters of the latest technology: such as the weather station that enables them to precisely adjust their work in the vines and reduce the use of fungicides; or the infra-red camera to calculate the optimal date of harvest. However science does not have answers to everything and it's at that point that art and the instinct of the winemaker takes over to ensure the quality of our wines that best reflect the spirit of Le Grand Cros estate.

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