



DOMAINE OF THE BEE

# 2021 The Bee-Side Grenache

**Alcohol label %: 13.5 | pH: 3.62 | Acidity (TA): 5.42 | Residual Sugar (g/L): 0.0 |  
Serving Temperature (°C): 14.0 | Drink starting in: 2022 | ending in: 2025**



## Growing Conditions

An EXTREMELY cold January, with rare snow lying on the ground (briefly) marked the start of a year that was incredibly dry. Very low rainfall in a cool spring, and then a nice mini heatwave in June, but still very little rain. Two more heat spikes in mid July and late August, followed by September rains which finally allowed the vines a little moisture, and helped to swell the thick-skinned grapes.

## Harvest

Most of the vineyards for our white and rosé were harvested before the rain, and most of our reds in a dry spell after the rainy spells. A good year for white and pinks, and a GREAT year for reds.

## Winemaking

Our grapes are hand harvested, and then hand-sorted at the winery. The crop was healthy, and very little selection was needed. Our Grenache was emptied into upturned demi-muids (500L barrels) with the ends taken out. The barrels picked after the rain were 'bled' to remove a small amount of juice, which was amalgamated to create two barrels of a very pale red. Some of Jean-Marc's Grenache was fermented with 'whole bunches', and the rest were destemmed. We blended Jean-Marc's light and juicy Grenache with the two barrels of our 'pale red' and a barrel of saignée rosé to produce this year's Bee-side.

## Aging

14 months in mostly older 500L 'demi-muids'

## Appearance

A bright yet extremely pale pinkish red - almost like an old-fashioned 'clairet'

## Nose

Gentle, herbal, fragrant red fruit - fresh cranberries and griotte cherries.

## Palate

Deliciously drinkable and juicy - a joyous young Grenache with a riot of succulent, crunchy cranberry fruit and a savoury freshness that immediately calls for another



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## Food Pairing

A very easy-going red that can be drunk on its own, but try it with white fish, or tomato dishes.