



DOMAINE OF THE BEE

2011 Les Genoux

Alcohol label %: 15.0 | Drink starting in: 2013 | ending in: 2020



Growing Conditions

Our ultra-rare single vineyard wine, only made in the best years.

One of those rare years that delivered both exceptional quality and above-average quantity. The wines have been fruit-forward from the moment the grapes were picked at full ripeness, just before the rain which washed out the last week of vintage for some growers.

Harvest

The source of the fruit for our 'Les Genoux' cuvée are the wonderful 90 year-old vines in our ancient Coume de Roy vineyard. T

All the grapes are picked by hand, and any selection needed to eliminate less than perfect grapes is done in the vineyard.

Winemaking

The grapes are de-stalked, lightly crushed, and fermented in up-ended demi-muids (500 L barrels) with the ends taken out, and plunge gently by hand, twice or three times a day. Pressing with a small basket press.

Aging

Maturation in a mixture of new, 1 year old and 2 year old Demi-muids for 14 months, before being bottled with no fining or filtration, and sealed with melted beeswax.

Appearance

Les Genoux is less intensely coloured than the regular cuvée, as it contains 10-15% white and pink grapes.

Nose

The nose is incredibly complex, combining layers of plump wild strawberry, plum and cherry with wafts of rosemary and fennel. There's also hints of slatey minerals and dark chocolate.

Palate



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Initially soft, and incredibly lush, Les Genoux only reveals its power slowly.

Body: Full

Food Pairing

Excellent on its own as a 'vino di meditazione' (best appreciated with a good friend), Les Genoux is also a wonderful match for charcuterie (especially finnochiona, or fennel salami), and the perfumed, elegant style makes it pretty versatile.