



DOMAINE OF THE BEE

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Alcohol label %: 15.0 | Drink starting in: 2013 | ending in: 2023

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## Growing Conditions

The biggest, darkest, richest Bee that we have made – absolutely bursting with blackberry black pepper, and yet somehow it is also REALLY smooth.

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.

## Winemaking

The third and last year that we made our wine in the D66 winery in Maury. The hallmark of this vintage was the long pre-fermentation maceration, made possible by chilling the grapes overnight before crushing them, which really brought out the intense colour, and rich fruit of this excellent vintage. With a much higher yield from the Coume de Roy vineyard, we needed more upended demi-muids (500 L barrels) with the ends taken out, and as in previous vintages, the Carignan from La Roque and Grenache from the Bac de Genievres were fermented in shallow stainless steel tanks pressing with a small basket press.

## Aging

Maturation in a mixture of new, 1 year old and 2 year old barriques and Demi-muids for 14 months.

## Palate

\*\*\*Body\*\*\*: Full

## Food Pairing

Great with grilled red meat, hearty stews, barbequed food, and hard cheeses.