



DOMAINE OF THE BEE

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Alcohol label %: 15.0 | Drink starting in: 2012 | ending in: 2020

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## Growing Conditions

This is a turbo-charged, super-ripe, smooth, rich and complex wine. Layers of powerful dark plum and damson fruit and spicebox aromas of vanilla and cinnamon. The level of new oak is less than in previous years, as our barrels get older.

2010 was a great year across most of France, but in the Roussillon, things were a little trickier. A smaller than average crop, and quite tough skins, but once again, very intense flavours.

## Winemaking

This was the second year in which our wine was made in Dave Phinney's D66 winery in Maury, and the excellent grape sorting equipment really helped to keep only the fully ripe grapes, and eliminate any that were either green, or over-ripe, raisined grapes. The fruit from the Coume de Roy vineyard was given the kid glove treatment in upended demi-muids (500 L barrels) with the ends taken out, and 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.