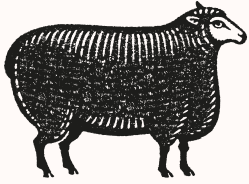


LE GRAND NOIR

CABERNET SYRAH

LES DEUX ARISTOS



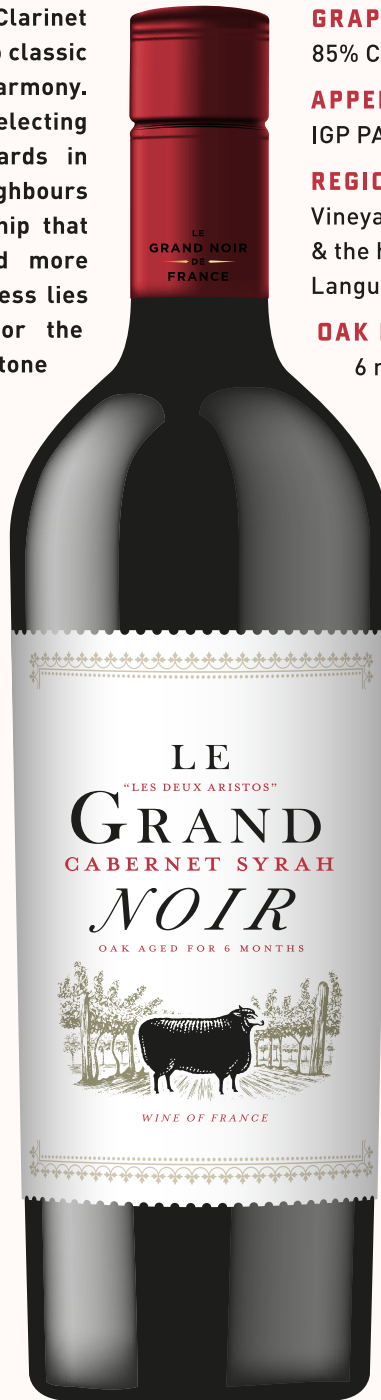
Like its white sibling, the Piano and the Clarinet Chardonnay-Viognier, this is a blend of two classic grape varieties that work in perfect harmony. When we first pioneered the style – selecting grapes from some very special vineyards in our corner of Southern France – our neighbours said we were crazy, but it's a partnership that has a long tradition in Bordeaux and more recently Australia. The secret to its success lies in our having perfect gravelly soil for the Cabernet Sauvignon and clay and limestone for the Syrah.

TASTING NOTES

The blackcurrant and bell pepper flavours of the Cabernet Sauvignon, seem to have been destined to be married with the spicy, brambley, gently peppery Syrah. The vanilla character of the oak is present but subtle and the tannins are softer than in many Cabernets. A very luxurious drink; silky & satisfying.

FOOD STYLE

Good with a range of *red meat dishes* but its soft fruity character makes this a very attractive wine to drink by itself.



GRAPE VARIETY

85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Syrah

APPELLATION

IGP PAYS D'OC

REGION

Vineyards around Puichéric, Jouarres-Homps & the hilly areas of Caunes-Trausse, Minervois Languedoc Roussillon

OAK MATURATION

6 months aged in french & American oak

CELLARING POTENTIAL

5 years

ALCOHOL

13.5%

ACIDITY

3.3 g/L

PH

3.71

RESIDUAL SUGAR

5 g/L

CLIMATE

Mediterranean

ALTITUDE

100-400m

EXPOSITION & SOIL

Alluvial slopes for the Cabernet, clay & limestone terraces for the Syrah

VINE AGE

20 Years

DENSITY

4000 Vines/ha

YIELD

LOW – 70hl/ha

HARVEST

Mechanical harvesting at night to maintain freshness



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