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CHÂTEAU LA DOURNIE – SHEBAM!



The Château la Dournie is located in the picturesque village of Saint-Chinian and has been the property of the Étienne family for six generations. Since 1870, the family house is the birthplace of the family, welcoming each generation and reflecting all values of a Languedoc lifestyle.

Today, the affairs of the family business and the 14 hectares of organically farmed vineyards are managed by Véronique Étienne. Her biggest delight as grower and vigneron is to share the pleasure of a beautiful table and a bottle of wine. Success to her is defined by her ability to inspire her children to continue the family's journey and adventure.

In the vineyards and in the cellar, the watchwords are simplicity and nature. We work in compliance with an environmental heritage that has been handed down to us and that we must save, significant regional cultural values, in sharing a way of life we hold dear.

Saint-Chinian Appellation

Saint-Chinian is an appellation of the southern France in Languedoc-Roussillon wine region. It is located between Minervois and Faugeres, which produces similar styles of robust red wine from similar grapes and in a similar landscape. It also borders the Muscat de Saint Jean de Minervois appellation, which produces sweet white wines. As a result, the diversity of the Languedoc region is well demonstrated in this small area.

The Saint-Chinian AOC title was created in 1982, uniquely for red and rose wines. In 2005, white wines were introduced to the appellation, made from Grenache Blanc, Marsanne and Roussanne. Carbonically macerated Carignan used to characterize Saint-Chinian's output but it is gradually being replaced by more complex wines produced from Syrah, Grenache. As well, the quantity of white wine is increasing. The title also covers Saint-Chinian's fresh, dry rose wines, made from many combinations of the permitted red and white varieties.

The appellation is located at the southern end of the Massif Central (the area of low mountains in the center of southern France) and to the north of the coastal plains that drop gradually towards the sea. The terrain around the town of Saint-Chinian is of varying altitudes, from 325 to 650ft (100 to 200m). It is made up of lighter, looser schist soils in the higher areas and clay and limestone-dominated soils lower down. As is often the case, the most-respected wines are those made from vines grown at higher altitudes and with the superior drainage of loose soils.

The climate here is Mediterranean – Saint-Chinian being only 20 miles (33km) from the southern French coast – and the vineyards universally benefit from long, hot summers and relatively mild winters.



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SKU:	827905
Region:	LanguedocRoussillon-StChinian
Classification:	IGP Pays d'Herault
Vintage:	2018
Grapes:	90% Grenache Noir, 10% Syrah
Vineyard:	Old vines of 50 years
Soil Composition:	Schist
Vineyard Training:	Guyot
Density/Yield:	35 hl/ha
Fermentation:	Temperature controlled in stainless steel
Aging:	12 months split between stainless steel and oak casks
Alcohol:	13.5%
Residual Sugar:	1.70g/l
PH:	3.79g/l
TA:	3.06 g/l
FreeSO2:	25mg/l
TotalSO2:	39mg/l

Tasting Note:

Purple dress of a beautiful intensity. The palate presents a point of sweetness and then reveal Peony notes, Morello cherry, pepper with a touch of Havana which make this wine modern and full of freshness.

Pairing suggestion:

A perfect match with grilled vegetables and ratatouille. It pairs well with grilled chicken, pork, goat cheese, camembert, and an extensive charcuterie board.

Sales Facts:

- Modern packaging. The name is inspired by the lyrics of the song "Comic Strip" written and performed by Serge Gainsbourg and Brigitte Bardot