



## No 153 Rouge, AOP Cotes Du Roussillon 2022

Arnaud de Villeneuve, Languedoc-Roussillon, France

Vintages # 35967 | 13.5% alc./vol. | \$18.95 | Release: 27-Apr-2024

*"Back label description is spot on, telling us grenache and syrah get together for "smooth and refined tannic structure" from "dark fruit, liquorice and spice." Truth to those tidbits but also expressly classic and idiomatic Côtes De Roussillon, captured at a mere 13.5 percent alcohol which is so welcome in these paradoxical days of climate crisis and roses. By the way Arnaud de Villeneuve is the author of a collection of aphorisms, gathered in the very famous "Parabolae Medicationis." And so the maxim "if it ain't broke, why fix it" would appropriately apply to this red blend, expressed, caught and suspended in time. Drink 2023-2026."*

**Score – 91p (Michael Godel, Wine Align, 2023)**

### Terroir:

Vineyards of more than 2,000 Ha are mainly located in the north of the Roussillon plain. They spread over several geographical areas with varied characteristics. The hillsides of the Corbières are to the north and the terraces of the Tet Valley and Agly are to the west with the Crest and Jas terraces and plateaux in the middle. And lastly the alluvial plains run closer to the sea. Grenache noir and Syrah come from the terraces of the Tet Valley, situated above Pézilla la Rivière with limestone and stony soil.



### Vinification:

A de-stemmed harvesting process. A separate vinification for each grape variety. Traditional maceration under carefully managed temperature. Removed from vats after 8 to 10 days. Bottled in the month of February following the harvest.

**Varieties:** Grenache Noir 60%, Syrah 25%, Mourvedre 15%

**Residual sugar:** 2 g/L

**Serving suggestion and food pairing:** Serve at 15°C with charcuterie, rib steak and sheep's cheese.

**Michael Godel, Wine Align**  
**Vinalies**

**91p**  
**Silver**

