



SAINT COSME

Vin de France / Little James / rouge Multivintage

Little James' Red Basket Press – Vin de France

Multi-vintage: Solera from 1999 to 2016

Fermentation and ageing in concrete tanks. 100% Grenache

Our Little James Solera will soon be 20 – whilst it makes us realise we're not getting any younger, it also gives us an idea of how far we have come. Every year we try to enhance it by adding new components, new ideas and other complexities. With the 2015s and 2016s the latest additions to the solera, bottling in 2017 will produce structured, concentrated wines – but there will still be freshness. In fact, the freshness in our southern Grenache is disconcerting – why don't you find it in Grenache grown in other warm regions which often develop heavy, overripe characters? What aspect of our climate makes a difference? The Mistral, perhaps, or the cooling influence of the Alps? Air quality maybe? It will remain a mystery. At any rate, Grenache has no 'ampelographic' equivalent – it is capable of myriad expressions and always has some surprises in store. The whole point of solera is that it stays the same, yet is always different. This year, the first bottling – including the 2016 – will take place in February 2017.

Souk spices, gingerbread, strawberry compote, coal and tar.

