

# **GRAPE VARIETIES**

Grenache 60% Syrah 40 %

# APPELLATION

AOP La Clape Red

# SOILS

Limestone rock and pebble-strewn soils



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# CHÂTEAU CAPITOUL RED SOLSTICE

Château Capitoul, with its precious and pebble-strewn stone Mediterranean vineyard, is like a diamond in the rough set in the rolling hills of La Clape. With 62 ha under vine at the tip of the La Clape terroir is the hill range, its appellation's most maritime. Its vineyard dates back to the 14th century, when it was farmed under the aegis of Narbonne Cathedral, which gave the Château its name. In 2015, La Clape entered the select group of Languedoc fine wines, joining the collection of prestigious, internationally renowned French appellations.

## VINEYARD SITE

Ideally located amidst Languedoc's largest national park, Château Capitoul's vineyard is farmed sustainably.

Solstice shows hallmark sun-ripened characters. Made from Grenache and Syrah grown in a vineyard facing due East, with greatest exposure to the sunlight, Solstice expresses the quintessential characters of the limestone rock and pebble-strewn soils specific to Château Capitoul.



## WINEMAKING

Harvested by night, with double sorting in the vineyards and on arrival at the winery. Low yields produce maximum concentration and complexity (30hl/ha). Barrel fermentation is used for the Syrah. Both the Syrah and Grenache are aged in new oak barrels. After bottling, the wine is kept for at least one year in our cellar.

### TASTING NOTES

Solstice encapsulates the unspoilt natural surroundings and offers up a powerful wine with notes of candied blackberries, blackcurrant bud and tapenade, sometimes flowing into truffle over time. It is a full-bodied, rich and complex wine freighted with velvety tannins.

### THE SOMMELIER'S ADVICE

- Food and wine pairings: Marbled meat, baked camembert.
- Serving temperature: 16-18°C
- Ageing potential: up to 6 years



THE FIGUREHEAD OF LA CLAPE