

Abbaye Sylva Plana

Le Songe de l'Abbé



VINTAGE	2012
REGION	Languedoc
APPELLATION	Faugères
VARIETAL	50% Carigan 30% Cinsault 10% Grenache 10% Mourvèdre
TERROIR	Schists, clayey-limestone, marble
INFO	54 Ha (133.43 Acres) total vineyard & 12 Ha (29.65 Acres) devoted to Le Songe de l'Abbé Hand harvested Vinification on tanks and 40-50% aging in oak barrels 1 to 2 years Fined / Filtered Certified ORGANIC

About the Estate:

The ABBAYE SYLVA PLANA is located around the monastic barn of Sauvanes in Laurens, which forms part of SYLVANES ABBEY (Aveyron), founded in 1139! Until the 12th Century, the monks continued to use the winegrowing methods used by the Romans settlers, which had been used for the first five centuries AD. In 1998, Nicolas & Henry Ferdinand BOUCHARD from Domaine DESHENRYS, decided to create a partnership and long term investment with the GUY family, whose ancestors had settled in Laurens generations ago.

The vines are beautifully located to face directly south in contoured lines, and are planted on clay-chalky, clayey-limestone, grey marble but mainly on the local schisteous soils, making the typicity of the Faugères wines. Schist is a silicate rock rich in aluminum and iron, excellent at retaining water (up to 40% up to its volume) and storing heat (almost twice as well as chalk), which then radiates slowly throughout the night after the extremely hot days, creating a perfect climate for optimum maturity!

ABBAYE SYLVA PLANA is Certified ORGANIC since the 2011 Vintage, and the vines are rigorously cultivated: Ploughing and ancestral culture, (oldest vines, up to 60 years old, farmed biodynamically, plow by horse), use of natural treatments and organic compost. Of course, natural low yields coming from the poor soils and short pruning. Hand harvesting for all the Cuvées' grapes, followed by an additional hand selective picking of the grapes and berries once at the cellar!

The SONGE de l'ABBE Cuvée grapes come from the oldest vines and most interesting schisteous terroirs, allowing a longer extraction during the vinification, & a 12 months partial maturation in new oak barrels is done to provide this amazing wine of a taffeta flesh texture!

Tasting Notes:

Great deep and ample silky nose on superbly ripe black fruits, cassis and cherries notes with soft spicy and floral hints. Structured and dense palate in perfect harmony with the nose, on additional sweet berry fruit, pepper, blackberries and morello cherries. And it just the beginning!

Press Review:

"Moathcoating, with rich notes of kirsch, plum reduction and mineral. Delivers full, plush tannins on the spice- and mineral-lined finish." - 89 Pts, GS, Wine Spectator, Web Only 2016

2011 Vintage: 91 Points, Wine Spectator, Issue Sept 30, 2014 & 90 Points, Wine Advocate, Issue #212 (April 2014)