

Château Valcombe



Epicure Rouge



CHÂTEAU
VALCOMBE
APPELLATION VENTOUX ROUGE CONTRÔLÉE
RED WINE
EPICURÉ

2009
Alc. 14.5% by Vol. PRODUCT OF FRANCE 750ML
MIS EN BOUTEILLE AU DOMAINE

At a Glance:

- **Appellation:** AOC Ventoux
- **Encépagement:** Grenache Noir (60%), Carignan (20%), Syrah (10%), Cinsault (10%)
- **Average Annual Production:**
- **Average Alcohol by Volume:** 14%
- **Average Residual Sugar:** <5 g/l
- **Average Total Acidity:**

In The Vineyard:

- **Parcel Names, Slopes, and Locations:** From the Combe, Limon, and Plein Pagnier parcels on north-facing slopes in the heart of the Ventoux
- **Soil Types and Compositions:** Limestone-clay and sand
- **Vine Age, Training, and Density:** Trained in Cordon de Royat and planted at 3,200 vines/ha, vines average 55 years old.
- **Average Yields:** 30 hl/ha
- **Average Harvest Date and Type:** Manual harvest, mid-September

In The Cellar:

- **Fermentation:** Following total destemming, wine ferments with selected yeasts in concrete vats. Cuvaision lasts c. 14 days.
- **Pressing:** Pneumatic press
- **Time on Lees:** Wine is racked following malolactic and remains on its fine lees until assemblage prior to bottling
- **Malolactic Fermentation:** Spontaneous, in vat following alcoholic fermentation
- **Élevage:** 6-12 months in concrete vats.
- **Press Wine:** Blended after malolactic
- **Fining and Filtration:** Unfined, plate filtered
- **Sulfur:** Added only at bottling, with c. 70 mg/l total sulfur

In The Glass:

This estate in the Ventoux produces wines that punch well above its appellation, as Luc Guénard is cranking out some satisfying wines at very reasonable prices. And, as for purity of expression and total absence of manipulation in the cellar as well as organic growing conditions, this wine meets all the top standards.