



Deus Ex-Machina

"God out of the machine' is the literal meaning of the Latin phrase 'Deus-Ex-Machina', in other words, a divine intervention that radically changes the course of events. In the world of theatre, 'Deus-Ex-Machina' means an unexpected reversal of the situation thanks to an external event that nothing could have predicted.

At Clos Saint Jean, the name of this cuvée perfectly symbolises the changes in direction that have been made since the 2003 vintage.

ENCEPAGEMENT:

GRENACHE: 60 %

(from a very low yielding vineyard planted in 1905.)

MOURVÈDRE: 40 %

HARVEST:

Yield of approximately 20 hectolitres per hectare. Hand picking and sorting of the grapes is mandatory. Use of a maximum of 1,000 KG bins. Daily tasting of the grapes during the entire harvest period. This operation allows us to pick the grapes at the best time to benefit from their optimal maturity. We know the plot to be harvested the evening before for each of them.

WINE MAKING:

Destemming of the grapes.
Partial crushing depending on the vintage.
The vat is hand-picked, all the pomace is crumbled and then plunged to the bottom of the vat for optimal extraction of the elements of the grapes into the future wine.

The vats are unballasted, i.e. the juices are removed from the container to be put back either at the bottom, sheltered from the air, or at the top in search of oxygenation, depending on the needs. This method allows us to gently extract the noblest tannins with deeper matter and to emphasise a complex aromatic palette.

Vatting lasts 35 days in concrete vats with temperature control throughout the vinification process. We use a pneumatic press to respect the grapes and we separate the press juice from the free-run juice, which is the sole component of the Deus Ex Machina.

BREEDING:

The Grenache is aged exclusively in concrete vats for 9 months. The Mourvèdres are aged in new barrels for 9 months.

BOTTLING:

Bottling is only carried out on fruit days according to the lunar calendar. We use light filtration.