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BOULEVARD NAPOLEON.

LIBERTY WINES

Boulevard Napoléon, `Le Pal` Grenache Gris VdP de l'Hérault 2017

Minervois, Languedoc, France



PRODUCER

Named after the street the winery is located on in the village of La Livinière, Minervois, Boulevard Napoléon is the partnership between restaurant owner Trevor Gulliver and winemaker Benjamin Darnault. Seeing the potential in the vineyards located by his holiday home, Trevor started making the wines and then showed them to his other partner, chef Fergus Henderson, who was more than impressed, as were we! Each wine is a classic expression of the varietal grown on the dry, stony slopes of the south of France - yet they retain a vibrancy and definition that marks them out from the crowd.

VINEYARDS

Fruit is sourced exclusively from a 75 year old single vineyard situated on stony terraces in the high hills of La Livinière, in the Minervois region. Here, soils are predominantly limestone and clay and the vines are on average 70 years old. Given the age of the vines, the resulting wines are have superb concentration, definition and character. The grapes are picked in two passes, as both the Grenache Noir and Grenache Gris grapes are grown in the same plot.

VINTAGE

2017 was a challenging vintage in the Languedoc. A warm spring promoted good vine growth but this was halted when frosts hit the region in late April. Rain during flowering also reduced fruit set meaning yields were lower than previous vintages. However, the fruit that made it through is of a very high standard, producing elegant, characterful wines with good acidity and freshness.

VINIFICATION

Grapes were all harvested by hand into small cases before being gently whole-bunch pressed. After one day resting on its skins, the juice was racked off into one and two year old 225 litre barrels for fermentation. The finished wine was then aged in barrel on its lees for one year without racking. A light filtration occurred just prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is rich and supple on the palate with aromas of lime zest, white peach and subtle notes of hazelnut, smoke and liquorice. The ageing in older oak barrels gives this wine complexity on the palate. The judicious use of oak is well-balanced with a mineral freshness and bright, refreshing acidity, which lifts the finish.

Grape Varieties	100% Grenache Gris
Winemaker	Benjamin Darnault
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Bottle Sizes	75cl