

## Les Secrets Bois de Tourtourel, Red AOC Pic Saint-Loup 2012







Origin & Plot selection :

The AOC Pic Saint-Loup wine area prospers between the Mediterranean Sea and the first foothills of the Cevennes, at the heart of a garrigue setting. The plot Bois de Tourtourel is located in the town of Corconne, on a gentle slope protected from northern winds by the massif of the forest of Coutach. It has a south, south-eastern exposure, which allows it to benefit from a warm micro-climate. The soil is made of an accumulation of Jurassic-era limestone shards created from ice forming in the small crevices of the limestone rock, bursting it into small pieces of gravel, which was then spread over vast swathes of land by floods during the quaternary period. Theses fragments are associated with silt and red clay made of iron oxide. Thet constitue a uniform viticultural soil about 5 meters deep on average, with an important capacity to drain and store large amounts of water.

"We are endlessly looking for quality and, above all, the finest expression of the terroir. This search has led us to distinguish three plots with identifying features. These confidential cuvee trio admirably express three distinctive and unique terroirs. "

## **Cultivation mode :**

The vineyard has been managed in organic farming since 2006 and ir biodynamic farming since 2015. We are particularly attached to the rich natural environment that surrounds us. By the use of composts, medicinal plant preparations, silica and horn manure, we work to enrich the fertility and the biodiversity of our soils, in order to reveal all the potential and the expression of Pic Saint-Loup in our wines.

Average age of the vines : 35 years

Density: 6200 feet / ha

Yield: 30 hl / ha

Grape varieties : Syrah: 70% Grenache : 30%

## Winemaking & Aging:

Harvest entirely destemmed. Traditional fermentation of 30 days in conical trunk tanks. Temperature control during the winemaking process. Aging in French oak barrels for 12 months, then aging during 6 to 9 months in tanks before bottling.

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