



Les Quatre Tours

DOMAINE LA RIGOULINE

Rosé 2018



APPELLATION : COTEAUX D'AIX-EN-PROVENCE

GRAPE VARIETIES: GRENACHE - SYRAH (60% - 40%)

TERROIR: Soil of marl and chalk located in the hillsides of the TREVARESSE chain. Altitude of 250 to 400 meters with a south exposure. Hot micro-climate tempered by the Mistral-wind and the altitude.

VINIFICATION: Grapes issued of carefully selected plots harvested by night to avoid oxidation. Low pressure pressing, static sedimentation for one-part of the juice, cold maceration for the other. Fermentation in temperature-controlled tanks. Maturation of a few weeks on fine lees. Selection of the cuvées for the final blend.

VINTAGE: a difficult vintage due to heavy rains – heavy losses in organic

After a mild and particularly rainy winter, the blossom opened a bit later than in 2017 (average year). A combination of rains and sun helped the vines to develop quickly, and the inflorescences appear early.

May was particularly wet with heavy rains (records were beaten), and all the growers seeing the development of the parasite fungus (mildiou and oidium) were worried about the healthiness of the vines. In some periods it was impossible to treat, the soil was water-soaked.

Blooming occurs early June, when the sky stays grey. We had to wait till 2nd part of June to get a summertime weather. July was really warm and dry, and some storms perturbate the month of August.

The harvest begins second week of September and rains are forecasted for the equinox. The first blow of mistral wind dries the grapes and stops the development of the root. The announced rains didn't come and finally the harvest is made in pretty good weather conditions.

Vintage 2018 as not the same concentration than 2017 but the wines show a nice fruitiness and finesse.

The yields are bigger than in 2017, but Provence is lacking wine.

FOOD & WINE PAIRING :

- Good **aperitif** or **party** wine.
- Perfect with **starters and salads**, or with a **cold meal**. With a **pasta meal**.
- With **grilled and barbecues** (meat, sausages or fish).
- Perfect match with **grilled sea food** (Chinese way) and lobster.
- Well suited with **ethnic food**.

TASTING NOTES

- **EYE:** Bright salmon-pink color.
- **NOSE:** Fresh and delicate, with fruity notes (grapefruit, green apple, red fruits) and a hint of spice.
- **MOUTH:** Delightfully fresh and well balanced. Fruity aromas with red currants, strawberries and grapefruit. Dry finish, long aftertaste.

A truly refreshing Rosé wine, well balanced with an enjoyable fruitiness.