

LUNAR APOGÉ SYRAH. PAYS D'OC. CERTIFIED BIODYNAMIC.



VARIETAL: 100% Syrah, estate grown

WINEMAKER: Christian Leperchois

VINEYARD: 12 acres of limestone, surrounded by garrigue scrublands

FARMING PRACTICES: Biodynamic. Dry farmed. No chemicals used (pesticides, fertilizers, additives, etc). Hand harvested at night to prevent oxidation.

WINEMAKING: Spontaneous, temperature controlled fermentation with native yeasts. Aged 4 months in concrete tanks. Minimally fined or filtered. Sulfites ≤ 50 mg/L.

Lunar Apogé is made in Roquemaure, France, where the Leperchois family has been making wine for centuries. In 1977, Christian Leperchois became a pioneer in his region by converting the estate to a fully organic/biodynamic process. His wine and the winery are certified 100% organic and biodynamic by Demeter.

Christian, an avid advocate of biodynamic farming, explains why he calls it 'natural' viticulture: "...great wines can only be produced by working with nature, not struggling against it... after 25 years of observations and occasionally bitter experience, there is no longer a place for the ethics of productivity in the natural equilibrium at Lunar Apogé."

Christian is mindful of all of the vineyard's natural surroundings, and takes inspiration from their rhythms. The vines are dry farmed and no chemicals are used (pesticides, fertilizer, additives, etc). Instead, composted grape pomace is used as fertilizer in the fall, plowed in by hand around the base of the vines. The vines are painstakingly cared for by hand throughout the year: vigorous pruning in the fall, disbudding in the spring and thinning of excess clusters in the. Finally, the grapes are harvested by hand.

In the winery, traditional methods are used to foster the most natural and complete embodiment of the fruits of the vine. Spontaneous fermentation takes place with native yeasts and the wines are minimally fined or filtered. Sulfites are ≤ 50 mg/L. The results are elegant, award winning wines – beautiful expressions of soil, place and the passion of the men and women who toil there.

