



2009 Le Pinnacle



At Domaine Sainte Rose, we work entirely in the Indication Géographique Protégé (IGP) system, which allows us to plant the grape varieties outside of the AOC classification. We classify all our wines as IGP Cotes de Thongue due to the situation of the Domaine right beside the river.

The vineyards are all situated on an argilo-calcaire soil type and stretch from the deeper, more fertile flood plains beside the River Thongue up onto the gravelly slopes of the plateau. This variation in the aspect of the vineyards has allowed a wide range of grape varieties to be planted.

Le Pinnacle or 'the pinnacle' is the highest point of the tower on the Chateau at Domaine Sainte Rose. Thus, symbolically, this superbly structured Syrah is the top of our red wine range. The wine is made in the traditional Cotes Rotie style of the Rhone Valley and was co-fermented with 5% of the white grape variety Viognier. After gentle extraction and pressing, this wine spent twelve months aging in French oak barrels.

The 2009 Le Pinnacle displays a opaque deep ruby, almost black color. On the nose, rich plum, jam and licorice aromas combine with hints of dark chocolate. The palate impression offers big, expressive and intense flavors dominated by black fruit. Extended oak aging provides hints of mocha and coffee, with a round, smooth finish.

Le Pinnacle is ideal with roast duck or grilled lamb.