

EUROPEAN WINERY OF THE YEAR



DOMAINES



Tracing its roots back to 1912, Domaines Ott wines represent the best of Provence: beauty, heritage, and unsurpassed character. Today, fourth-generation cousin Jean-François Ott manages the three estates, totaling over 500 acres of vineyards, to produce wines of two appellations: Côtes de Provence and Bandol. Before a manual harvest, grapes are grown without the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides, respecting both the environment and the Provençal tradition—a nod to founder Marcel Ott’s enduring legacy.



CHÂTEAU DE SELLE CÔTES DE PROVENCE ROSÉ 2021

Château de Selle is located in the Côtes de Provence appellation, located inland on limestone hillsides, enjoying abundant sunshine. The proportion of stone in the soil is 40 to 50 percent, making it an arid soil and, despite the presence of some extremely fertile clay deposits, yields are low. Château de Selle has an area of 345 acres, of which 160 acres are planted.

The wine is pale with a delicate pearly pink hue. The nose is precise and mineral, revealing aromas of peaches, apricots and vanilla, with undertones of passion fruit and a hint of lime peel. The palate opens with a refreshing attack then grows in power with yellow fruit aromas. The palate is perfectly balanced and ends with a slightly minty, saline and zesty finish.

93 PTS **VINOUS** | Limpid orange. A sharply focused, mineral-accented bouquet evokes fresh red berries and pit fruits, citrus pith and pungent flowers. Silky and penetrating on the palate, offering tangy redcurrant, pomegranate and blood orange flavors and a hint of honeysuckle. The floral note builds steadily through an impressively long, nervy finish that echoes the citrus and mineral notes. - **July 2022**

91 PTS Wine Spectator | **91 PTS** *Robert Parker* Wine Advocate

VARIETALS: 55% GRENACHE | 30% CINSAULT | 10% MOURVÈDRE | 5% SYRAH



CLOS MIREILLE CÔTES DE PROVENCE ROSÉ 2021

Clos Mireille is an ancient terrain distinguished for its combination of schists and clays, and by an absence of limestone. The vineyard’s proximity to the sea explains the inimitable character of the wines produced at Clos Mireille. The microclimate and sea spray create the ideal conditions for the production of extremely rare wines. Clos Mireille has 124 acres of planted vineyards.

The wine reveals a pink pastel hue with pearly highlights and an expressive, crisp, fruity nose redolent of citrus, boxwood, white fruit and tangy mango. After a lively attack, the palate appears taut, unctuous and elegant with a typical fresh summer fruit vibrancy. At the Clos Mireille estate, the 2021 vintage has given us a rosé that is bursting with freshness and delicious flavor.

95 PTS **WineSpirits** | The Clos Mireille’s 124 acres of vines are planted in schist and clay soils within view of the sea. This wine is reticent at first, though a magnetic hint of salted cherry paste suggests what’s to come. Indeed, with a day of air, pithy grapefruit flavors and cinnamon spice come out to play, sliding into sea-salt and floral notes in the finish. It certainly shows its complexity, but the intensity of the flavors doesn’t pull it away from restraint. The tannins seemed to stick to my teeth, making my mouth water for simple, fatty pork carnitas, shredded and recrISPed, pulled off the hot iron with fresh corn tortillas. - **June 2022**

94 PTS **VINOUS** | **91 PTS** Wine Spectator

VARIETALS: 70% GRENACHE | 25% CINSAULT | 5% SYRAH



CHÂTEAU ROMASSAN BANDOL ROSÉ 2021

Château Romassan is located in the Bandol appellation and lies at the foot of the village of Le Castellet. The soil is poor, composed of limestone, sandstone, and marine upper cretaceous marls. The Bandol appellation is known for its terraced landscapes built from the hard stone with vines, which are planted into vast terraces with varying exposures. The sea air from the bay of Bandol compensates for the terroir’s acidity and low rainfall. The winery is located on 148 acres, which are fully devoted to wine production.

The wine has a bright appearance with a light peach hue. The nose bursts with aromas of citrus interwoven with subtly spicy fragrances of white flowers. The dense, silky palate shows finesse and substance along with a pleasing tension. The wine reveals luscious aromas of grapefruit and wild peaches followed by a lingering liquorice and spice finish.

96 PTS **WineSpirits** | Château Romassan sits at the foot of the hilltop village Le Castellet, a few miles north of the Bay of Bandol. The Ott’s rely on mourvèdre for the bulk of their rosé (this one includes 30 percent cinsault and 15 percent grenache), and, though 2021 was another hot summer here, Romassan’s poor limestone and sandstone soils produced a deeply savory wine. This pale Bandol seems to have inhaled the local scrubland and seaside breezes, presenting that savory edge alongside husk cherry, grapefruit and pale melon flavors. Firm and versatile, it would pair nicely with anything from bouillabaisse to a Niçoise salad; or take it abroad alongside chicken yakitori. - **June 2022**

92 PTS **VINOUS** | **92 PTS** Wine Spectator

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