

CHATEAU SAINTE EULALIE

MINERVOIS-LA LIVINIÈRE "LA CANTILÈNE"



Château Ste. Eulalie is located in the Minervois region of France's Languedoc, midway between Narbonne and the Medieval town of Carcassonne. The snowy peaks of the Pyrenees can be seen on the horizon and Narbonne and the Mediterranean lie 45 minutes to the south. The estate is comprised of 34 hectares on terraces 200 meters above the town of La Livinière. Long regarded as the finest section of Minervois, La Livinière has now been recognized as an official "Cru de Languedoc" and is entitled to its own

appellation. The stony soil of clay and limestone is planted with Syrah, Grenache, Carignan and Cinsault, with an average age of 25 years. The domaine also includes some century-old Carignan vines and 70 year-old Grenache. Viticulture is organic and is *Certified Sustainable*. La Cantilène is the signature cuvée of Ch. Ste. Eulalie, named in honor of the Canticle of Ste. Eulalie, the oldest known poem in the French language. "La Cantilène" has won numerous medals and is frequently reviewed among the leading wines of the Languedoc region.

Region:	Languedoc
Appellation:	Minervois-La Livinière
Owners:	Laurent and Isabelle Coustal
Established:	1996
Farming Practices:	Organic
Soil:	Clay and limestone with pebbles and stones on the surface
Vineyard:	35 ha
Grape Varieties:	Syrah, Carignan and Grenache
Avg Age of Vines:	25 – 40 years old
Yield/Hectare	42 ha/hl
Avg Production:	60,000 bottles

Vinification and Élevage: Grapes are harvested, then undergo a cool maceration lasting days. Natural yeast fermentation in neutral taking. Matured in 25% new oak barriques for 12 months.

Tasting Notes: Intense garnet color. Dark fruit aromas with toasty notes. Ample palate, full and soft, ripe tannins, multi-layered. Ripe, lingering finish. A rich and fleshy wine with an elegant, claret-like balance.

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