

# CHÂTEAU 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 cuvee of the 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.

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

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

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

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