

## Les Samelles Artisan Wines from the South of France

## **MALBEC**

■ THE WINE Malbec is rare in the Languedoc region. However, we discovered two very different vineyards whose 30 year-old vines produce low yields of high quality grapes. These vineyards, whose surface area is approximately one hectare, are located in the Languedoc area of appellation where the earth is very warm and strewn with rounded stones. These grapes give depth and color to the wine.

The cool, deep soils of La Malepère in the western part of the Aude department transpires in early-ripening grape yields that are fruity, aromatic, deeply colored wines that are rich in tannins and well-suited to ageing. Malbec is often used for the production of rosé wines, this rather capricious varietal needs to be able to reach full maturity. It expresses its full potential when grown in poor soils and although it can produce 80 to 100 hectolitres per hectare, it produces its best quality wines when yields are limited.

- TASTING NOTES This elegant, ruby colored wine tinged with red boasts a spicy nose with hints of licorice and notes of red and black fruit. It is soft and well structured on the palate with solid fruity flavors and fine tannins that give this wine its elegant length.
- FOOD & WINE It is the ideal match for Mediterranean cuisine.

