



Château La Croix Martelle has taken the most beautiful names for its fine wines from the local Occitan language.

## L'ONORIVA

*Remarkable*

*Onoriva is not only La Croix Martelle's "remarkable" wine, it is also the identity of its vineyard.*

### GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION :

In the lowland areas of the Montagne Noire (black mountain) and at the foot of the Cévennes mountain range.

### APPELLATION : AOC MINERVOIS LA LIVINIÈRE.

Located in the heart of the Minervois, in the rural area known as "Petit Causse", AOC Minervois La Livinière is one of Languedoc's first growths.

### VINEYARD AND HARVEST :

#### *Organic Farming label since 1998*

Grenache combined with Syrah is the main grape variety in Onoriva: the over 15 year-old vines of this variety express complexity and a rare elegance on the terroir of La Croix Martelle. Organic vineyard management delivers an exquisite freshness to the Grenache grapes, which is also found in the balance of the wine.

The time for harvesting is decided when grapes from these plots are selected and tasted. It usually falls around mid-September, when the grapes reach perfect ripeness.

### VINIFICATION AND MATURATION :

When they arrive in the cellar, the selected Grenache and Syrah grapes are destemmed and vinified separately. Maceration in vats continues for around three weeks, with strict temperature control (25°-26°C).

In November, the vats of each grape variety are tasted and the final blend is chosen. Onoriva is then matured for a year in vats, where the wine acquires remarkable finesse.

### TASTING AND FOOD AND WINE PAIRING :

With its garnet-red appearance, Onoriva expresses a palate of flavours where cherry notes mingle with aromas of eau-de-vie and spices. Its warm, intense nose prepares the way for a mellow, expressive taste. Its personality reveals an extraordinary balance between delicate tannins and ripe black fruit aromas.

Onoriva is a perfect match for a fillet of beef with new potatoes. It also expresses itself well with a fresh Pélardon goat's cheese from Cévennes.

