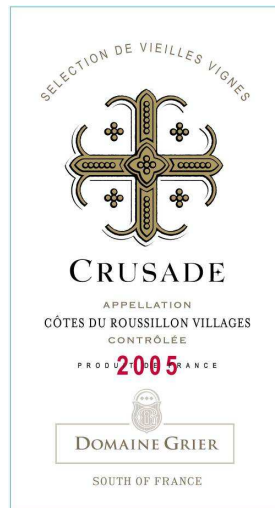


DOMAINE GRIER CRUSADE 2005
CÔTES DU ROUSSILLON VILLAGES

In 2006, the Grier family, owners of Villiera Wines in the Stellenbosch region of South Africa, realised their dream of owning a vineyard in the South of France. Their lengthy love affair with France began in 1983 after meeting Jean Louis Denois from Champagne, who later moved to Limoux in the South of France.

Regular visits to the area culminated in a growing interest to become physically involved. Jean Louis Denois identified the Fenouillèdes in Roussillon as prime “terroir” for the creation of top quality reds. Early in 2006, the ideal site became available and the Griers grabbed the opportunity to put in an offer which was accepted.

They are now producers of an exciting range of Vin de Pays and Côtes du Roussillon wines.



Ten centuries ago the crusaders marched across this region. Now we walk through the beautiful countryside on a new crusade to find the best quality grapes with which to make a truly representative wine of Roussillon. We are assisted by Agnès Graugnard, a passionate local winemaker, who is on the same crusade herself.

<u>Blend:</u>	Grenache 50%	<u>Analysis:</u>	Residual sugar	3.3 g/l
	Syrah 40%		Alcohol	15 vol %
	Mourvèdre 10%		Total Acid	5.8 g/l
			pH	3.39

Tasting notes: The fruit was sourced from some of the oldest vineyards in the area. The low yielding vines ensured super ripe fruit which was fully crushed and destalked. Fermentation occurred naturally and slowly with regular pumpovers. After pressing the wine underwent MLF and 2 years of maturation in French oak barrels. To assist evolution and clarification, the wine was raked 3 times during this process before being bottled unfiltered. The blending occurred after primary fermentation and each element was carefully determined to add complexity and structure while reflecting the region.

The wine is powerful with huge structure and great length. Dark berry fruit dominates but there is abundant spice and a hint of liquorice. The oak plays a supporting role and contributed to achieving harmony in the blend.