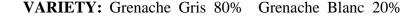


## **ALBA**

## APPELLATION CÔTES DU ROUSSILLON OLD VINES



**VINTAGE:** 2016

AREA OF ORIGIN: Roussillon, South of France

**PRODUCT BACKGROUND:** Domaine Grier, owned by the Grier Family of South Africa, is situated in the Roussillon Region and produces a range of Terroir specific wines. In 2016 they discovered a block of old vine Grenache Gris / Grenache Blanc that exists in the classic "black slate" soil of the Fenouillèdes. These vines are subjected to extreme conditions but they survive, producing a low yield of outstanding fruit, that expresses the Terroir.

**WINEMAKING:** The optimally ripe grapes were hand harvested at the end of August. After pressing, the juice was settled overnight and racked to barrels where it fermented in oak. Low SO<sub>2</sub> levels were used and MLF was allowed before 8 months of maturation in barrel completed the wine.

**TASTING NOTES:** This wine expresses the natural minerality of the terroir. Aromas of peach and apricot with a hint of orange are supported by subtle oak and vanilla. The wine is soft but full bodied with a structured mouth feel and great length. It should keep for up to 6 years.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Alcohol: 14.3 vol % Residual Sugar: 1.1g/l
Total Acid: 4.5g/l
pH: 3.41

