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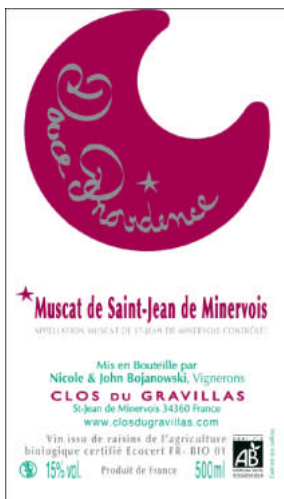
Douce Providence

Vin doux naturel AOC Muscat de St Jean de Minervois.

Pineapple, and roses aromas. Astounding apéritif to accompany Roquefort toasts or over fruit pie.

AOC Muscat de St. Jean de Minervois is fortified wine—fermentation is stopped with a fortification of 8-10% pure grape spirit when fermentation has lowered the sugars to *only* 125 g/litre. Fortification brings finished wine to 15 degrees. Oh Sweet Providence !

Nicole didn't come to St Jean to make muscat--but once here there's no denying that muscat is the soul of the village.



- EXTREMELY ROCKY WHITE LIMESTONE SOIL
- ORGANICALLY GROWN GRAPES
- HAND PICKED IN 15KG BOXES
- SORTED IN VINES TO ELIMINATE ALL BUT PERFECTLY RIPE AND HEALTHY GRAPES
- YIELD 28 HL/HA
- 9 MONTHS AGING IN STEEL
- INDIGENOUS YEASTS
- PRODUCTION : 4000 50CL BT
- 13%
- ALTITUDE : 300 M
- « **MELL EUR MUSCAT de ST JEAN DE MINERVOIS A CE MOMENT... » SELECTION GUIDE RVF 2012**

Clos du Gravillas is 8 hectares on a 300 meter-high plateau of crushed white gravel chips in the Parc Naturel de Haut Languedoc, squeezed between the canyons of St. Chinian and Minerve, surrounded by Mediterranean brush and scrub oak. The domaine is worked organically (Ecocert) with respect for the terroir, without herbicides, with care for the preservation of soil life. Weed control is by hand and with our well-aged mini caterpillar tractors. Each head pruned vine is given particular attention during the summer as shoot selection, leaf-removal, bunch thinning, and rigorous field-sorting when we finally pick let us bring in grapes that are as ripe and perfect as possible. Pickers throw any grapes not good enough to eat on the ground.

In 2012 we harvested 15 grape varieties; these will be made into 9 different wines—for a total of only 30,000 bottles. Our passion is for local varieties; Carignan is our signature grape and we've just added almost a hectare of Terret gris from which we make a light white to complement our rich full Grenache Gris/Blanc/Maccabeu, "*L'Inattendu*". And Muscat has been local in Languedoc for 1000 years !

