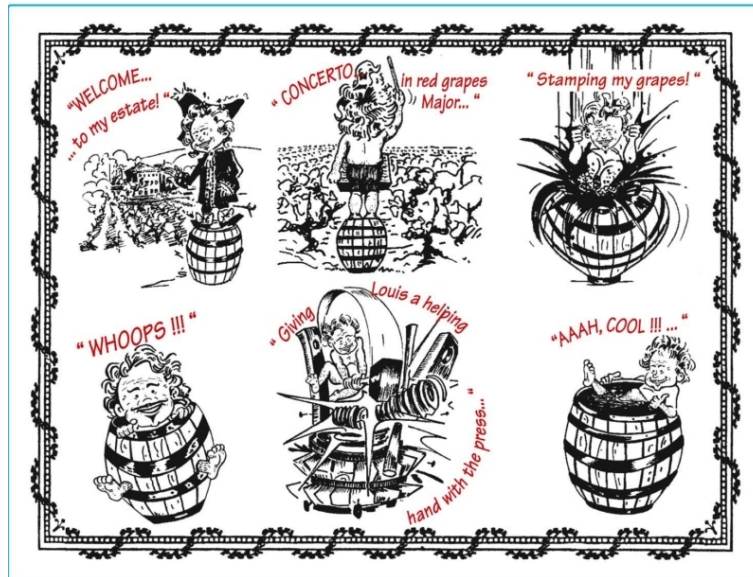


LITTLE JAMES' BASKET PRESS



Saint Cosme - "Little James Basket Press" Vin de France - red - Multivintage

Little James' Basket Press rouge – Vin de France

Multi Vintages : Solera from 1999 to 2018

Fermented and matured in concrete tanks. 100% Grenache

Little James is the Saint Cosme wine that allows you to become familiar with Grenache. Why is this grape variety, which can take on so many different aspects, so widely planted in France and Spain? Before the Phylloxera crisis at the end of the 19th century, which devastated Europe's vineyards, many grape varieties were grown virtually everywhere. Growers had made diversity a basic tenet for making wine that made it possible to spread the risks of production and quality: evidence has been found of the very many grape varieties that have now all but disappeared. Here is why: when vineyards needed to be replanted on phylloxera-resistant rootstocks, Europe was in the midst of an industrial revolution. Money was readily available everywhere and becoming more of a core concept. Winegrowers in the Rhone and Roussillon then decided to prioritise replanting with Grenache. Because good old Grenache shows vigour, is easy to grow, fairly disease-free, produces abundant fruit and high alcohol content! What more could people ask for?.... There is a second reason: as vines now had to be grafted, making too many grape varieties available became more challenging to organise, whereas previously, winegrowers could easily transplant their own vines... And this is how the dreaded phylloxera considerably changed the face of winegrowing, putting paid to a lot of its diversity. But I will end on an optimistic note: I predict that global warming will force us, if we want to continue to make balanced wines, to tap into this magnificent potential for diversity in search of tomorrow's grapes, allowing us to salvage slow-ripening varieties. Tomorrow's grape varieties are yesterday's grape varieties.

Oriental spices, gingerbread, strawberry, tar.