

## Houchart Sainte Victoire Rosé 2020

côtes de provence,

AN EXOTIC JOURNEY OF FRUITS AND CITRUS.

### PRESENTATION

At the foot of the Sainte Victoire mountain, 15 kms from Aix en Provence, in the commune of Puylobier, this domaine was bought in 1890 by Aurélien Houchart, a negociant and friend of Cézanne and great-grand father of Geneviève Quiot. This family estate has been farmed since Roman times, some distance away from the "Via Aurelia".

### LOCATION

The Sainte Victoire appellation is a terroir on the southern foothills of the Sainte-Victoire mountain (east from Aix-en-Provence) which extends to the ranges of the Olympus and Aurélien mountains. This Area has very specific geo-climatic characteristics (poor, well-drained soils formed of limestone and clayey sandstone). This terroir benefits from exceptional sunshine and a slightly continental nuances climate, protected in the south from maritime influences by the Aurélien mountains and the Sainte-Baume massif. The action of the mistral cleanses the vineyard. The grapes ripen later there than in the rest of the Côtes de Provence Appellation, which gives the wines a characteristic freshness.

### IN THE VINEYARD

In traditional culture, the work in the vineyard favors the work of the soil and the preservation of the environment.

### VINIFICATION

Direct pressing then settling at 12°C. Fermented at 18°C.

### AGEING

Ageing on fine lees for a few months. The production decree allows a more precarious marketing in recent years. Our Sainte Victoire wine is available from the beginning of the year following the harvest.

### VARIETALS

Carignan, Cinsault, Grenache noir, Syrah

14 % VOL.

### SERVING

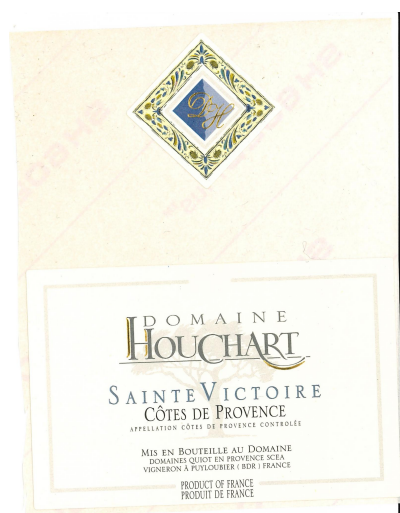
Serve at 10 to 12°C in order to benefit from the aromatic breadth.

### AGEING POTENTIAL

Enjoy all year long, 2 to 3 years

### TASTING

An explosion of summer flowers, melon, peach, orange and even papaya on a very mineral background.



#### VISUAL APPEARANCE

Clear colour.

#### AT NOSE

Aromas of red fruits (strawberry, currant).

#### ON THE PALATE

The terroir special minerality is well to be fore.

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

Aperitif, salads and savoury pies. Perfect with slightly spicy dishes, oriental or Asian type (curry chicken, tandoori chicken, apricot and almond tagine...).

#### REVIEWS AND AWARDS

##### Argent

Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2021, 11/03/2021



##### 90/100

""Houchart's 2020 Cotes de Provence Sainte-Victoire Rose is a flamingo-pink blend of Cinsault and Grenache, plus Syrah and Carignan. A clear step up from the property's regular bottling, it starts with distinct scents of crushed stone and chalk dust, then adds lime zest, grapefruit and hints of cherries. Medium-bodied, it's nicely silky in texture, finishing long and crisp, with a lingering mélange of dried spices.""

Wine Advocate, 15/07/2021

##### 92/100

""Gorgeous colour - ruby and garnet pink, pale red. Strawberry jam, redcurrant jam, more jammy and ripe fruit, incredibly gentle, luscious, unctuous Juicy cherry fruit. Floral, leafy. A little heady and strong on the alcohol, but weighty, heavy, really full-bodied and absolutely delicious. Lovely weight of ripe cranberries and raspberries - with amazingly intense and vibrant minerality and acidity giving long crisp length to the wine. Slight tannic dry finish - a rosé which would appeal to red wine drinkers. Appealing in terms of style. Fruit bomb with structure - most consumers' dream rosé, and ours too! Highly Recommended.""

Elizabeth Gabay, 16/06/2021



##### 91/100

""Vivid orange-pink. Lively red berry and pit fruit aromas are complemented by floral and spice topnotes. Silky and energetic on the palate, offering fresh strawberry, tangerine and nectarine flavors that steadily deepen with air. Shows fine delineation and strong persistence on the nervy finish, which leaves a repeating floral note behind. - Josh Reynolds""

Vinous, 14/07/2021

##### Selected

Vinum World of Rosé 2021

