



# ASCENSIO 2016 AOC VENTOUX

# Description

Acme of the single vineyard trilogy of Château Pesquié (with Artemia and Silica), Ascensio outlines the intensity and the purity of some our best grenaches.

The Chaudière Family chose this name to celebrate the tradition of the ascent of the Mont Ventoux which goes back to the XIVth century and Petrarch. It also symbolises the magic of altitude terroirs.

Ascensio is only produced in very small quantity (less than 3 000 bottles) and only on great vintages.

#### Soil

Clay and limestone with big scree.

#### **Varieties**

95% Grenache (yield close to 20 hl/ha) - 5% Syrah

### Winemaking

The harvest takes place in October at full maturity and is only partially destemmed: 30% of whole cluster are kept.

Long maceration (1 month), slow extraction and fermentation in a raw ciment vat. No aging in oak. Bottled at the Château.

# **Tasting**

Color: Deep purple

Nose: Powerful with aromas of blackberry, plum, licorice, kirch and

*Mouth*: Large and full, intense and concentrated, this wine unfolds a great balance and an unexpected freshness, with flavours of raspberry, black peper and black cheery.

# Food & wine pairing

Serve at 18°C (64°F) with powerful meat dishes, long macerated sauces (daube provençale, bœuf bourguignon) or venison or game (lièvre à la Royale).

## Press

- → Jeb Dunnuck 95/100 (Agust 2018) "A blockbuster"
- → Wine Advocate (#239 October 2018) : 92-94/100