

ANDRÉ BRUNEL LE GIN 13

Rhône Valley, France

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ABOUT: Le Gin 13 is crafted from organic grapes and featuring 13 hand-selected botanicals, including juniper, coriander and rosemary, Le Gin 13 offers a harmonious blend of classic gin flavors with a Rhône twist. Created by Fabrice and Romain Pitaut, the skilled winemaking team at André Brunel, Le Gin 13 embodies the rich heritage of the Rhône, which runs deeply in the Brunel family as they have been producing wine there since 1739.

TASTING NOTES: Le Gin 13 preserves the essence of gin with juniper while incorporating ingredients reminiscent of Rhône grape varieties, such as orange peel for Grenache and pepper for Syrah, along with Provençal herbs like lavender and a signature garrigue note evocative of the region.

INTERESTING FACT: Utilizing skins and stems from a specific year, Le Gin 13 is a vintaged gin, with the inaugural batch featuring grapes from the 2022 harvest, which will be followed by 2023.

PRODUCTION: Le Gin 13 follows traditional gin techniques while using grapes, stems and skins to ensure authenticity and quality. The base alcohol, a byproduct of wine fermentation, undergoes distillation to produce a classic spirit like marc in France or grappa in Italy, until reaching 96 degrees of alcohol. It is then cut to 45 degrees of alcohol, gently heated and infused with herbs for three days, followed by a classic distillation process.

FAMILY: The centuries-old estate of Andre Brunel has been in the region since the 17th century and has been making wine for 5 generations. Though originally named Domaine Les Cailloux by Lucien Brunel in 1954, its current name hails from the fourth-generation owner, André Brunel. Under André's leadership, the estate expanded rapidly, with vines in the Côtes du Rhône AOC as well as Vins de Pays. In addition to this expansion, the family is leading the charge in the region for eco-friendly farming practices. André's son, Fabrice, is now at the helm of this pioneering estate, overseeing the three appellations held by the estate: Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Côtes du Rhône and Vaucluse Vins de Pays, which represent three different tiers of wine.

BOTANICALS: Named in homage to the 13 grape varieties grown in the Rhône, Le Gin 13 features a blend of 13 flavorful ingredients: juniper, coriander, angelica root, cinnamon, orange peel, rosemary, pepper, Sichuan pepper, lavender, fennel, cardamon and vanilla.

REGION: Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rhône Valley

ALCOHOL: 45%

