



## 1215 Wine Bar & Coffee Lab

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### Domaine Benastra, "La Petite Soeur" Rouge 2021

**Varietal:**

Lledoner Pelut, Carignan Noir, Syrah,  
Grenache

**Region:**

Languedoc-Roussillon, France

**Farming:**

Certified Organic

**Soil Type:**

Calcareous Black Shale, Granite

**Fermentation:**

Concrete, Stainless Steel

**Dry/Sweet:**

Dry

**Body:**

3/5

**Acid:**

3/5

**Tannin:**

3/5

### ABOUT THE WINE

“At the western end of the Agly valley, in the north-west corner of the Roussillon, a peaceful revolution is taking place. This rugged, windy region covered by granite and schist soils is now home to several very interesting and talented vigneron. What’s the attraction? With its combination of high-altitude old vine vineyards, complex soils and the cooler climate of the Fenouillèdes, this is one of the few places left in France where world class vineyard land is still affordable. At the forefront of this revolution is Joseph Paillé, an incredibly gifted vigneron who is producing some of the most exciting wines in the Roussillon today.

From a winemaking family in Anjou, Joseph was essentially working full time in the vineyards by the age of 13. In his late teens and early twenties Joseph honed his craft with stints in Burgundy, the Roussillon, Canada and then Virginia, USA. In 2008 he returned to his native Anjou and partnered with his stepfather, Jo Pithon, and Wendy Paillé to create the now internationally renowned Loire estate of Pithon-Paillé. During his 7 years at the helm of Pithon-Paillé, Joseph produced wines from multiple appellations throughout the Loire Valley, and established himself as one of the region’s top talents with Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Franc. Despite his success in the Loire, Joseph felt a calling to explore a new region. In late 2014 he made the difficult decision to leave the family business for the Roussillon where he started Domaine Benastra. In just four short years Joseph has garnered a reputation for producing wines of vitality and nuance that clearly showcase the potential of the Fenouillèdes’ unique terroirs in the hands of a supremely talented vigneron.” - Terres Blanches Wine, Importer

We love this wine so much! A bottle was gifted to us by one of our distributors and the staff fell in love immediately. It’s perfect for the upcoming crisp Fall evenings with savory and earthy flavors on the nose yet spiced fruity flavors on the palate. This is our first experience with Paillé’s wines, but you can bet we’re going to be on the lookout for any more bottlings we can get our hands on. His unique experience as a winemaker since childhood, yet one with a varied background and skill set gained through working throughout the world, is quite impressive and honestly it shows in the winemaking. To make a wine so humble in origin yet so complex is no easy feat. We’re glad that he’s making wine where and how he is and that we have the opportunity to enjoy it here!

A perfect balance of fruit and earth. Tobacco, spice, red flowers, and mixed berries dance along the palate.

