

Brought to life in 2014, Minuty's modern tasting room (pictured) and cellar is perfectly situated on the hillsides overlooking the Bay of St. Tropez.



## Prestige Rosé 2021

### Côtes de Provence, France

#### **ESTATE**

Château Minuty is the global leader in Côtes de Provence rosé, and beyond that it can be argued is the most important estate in the history of Provence rosé. The Saint-Tropez based, family owned estate has been, since its founding, one of the quality leaders for the region. Minuty then became one of the most visible producers in the second half of the 20th century, a result of quality production and commercial foresight when no one in the region could imagine the global phenomenon Provence rosé would become. And then in the last two decades, Minuty defined the vision for and led the unbelievable growth in Provence rosé around the globe. All this achieved by a family estate now in its third generation, led by two brothers overseeing all the vineyard work, winemaking and sales.

#### WINE

If you notice just one wine on the beach and seaside restaurants in the south of France, it is almost certainly Minuty Prestige. This wine has become the emblem of the Riviera lifestyle, and it is a place that has been earned through the unbelievable dedication to quality by the Minuty family.

#### **VINEYARD**

Prestige comes from two Minuty estate vineyards: the original estate vineyard in Saint-Tropez, and Château Verez, located in the hills of Vidauban. Both vineyards are 100% hand harvested. Farming: HVE (Sustainable) Certification

#### WINEMAKING

Harvest: September 2021

Variety: 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Cinsault, 10% Rolle

Fermentation: Direct pressing to extract free-run juice only; low temperature fermentation

Aging: 4 months, stainless steel

Alcohol: 12.5%

#### **VINTAGE**

The 2021 harvest was one that was overshadowed by extreme and unlikely conditions in Provence. Marked by the consequences of an April frost just as budbreak was underway, the summer heat and regional wildfires kept vignerons at the edge of their seats right up until harvest. Thanks to a typically dry, warm Mediterranean summer, grapes were brought to full maturity with harvest beginning a week early on August 17th. Resulting yields were even greater than 2020, with rosés revealing intense aromas of white peach and grapefruit. The balance in these wines express a great aromatic freshness and a high overall quality.



# Wine&Spirits

At first, this wine's pineapple-core waxiness dominates its ripe fruit. With some air, bitter aperitivo-herb scents lighten it, the flavors coalescing into cherry pit. Its mouth-watering, and would garner compliments around the pool or at a high-end dinner party.

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