



Dear Wine Lover,

Domaine St Croix is a new vineyard to Harlequin Wines situated in the Corbiere region of Languedoc. We hope you enjoy learning a little more about them. Please don't hesitate to telephone for more information and details of other wines available on our list.

Happy drinking! *Martin*

The winemaker Jon Bowen

In In 2007 Jon Bowen contacted me about featuring his wines. He was a contemporary at Plumpton College of Gavin Crisfield the winemaker at La Sauvageonne. A visit last September to the vineyard 1km from the old Spanish border halfway between Narbonne and Perpignan convinced me that his wines were worth it.

Jon Bowen trained as a winemaker in Britain but spent most of the 1990s looking after other people's vineyards in the south of France while his wife Liz worked back in England.

"We started looking for a vineyard in the Languedoc, an area which I knew very well, and which was affordable. I knew what size and type of property would suit us, the quality of the land and the type of product we wanted so as soon as I saw this place, it was cut and dried. We bought it through the Société d'Aménagement Foncier et d'Etablissement Rural (SAFER), the French government body selling land in agricultural zones."



"We have 15 hectares but, like a lot of vineyards in this area, it is spread over a dozen locations. In fact, it would take three-quarters of an hour to drive between the two furthest parcels."

Offer

6 bottles of La Serre + 2 bottles each
La Sorbeille, Magneric and Carignan

Price per case £98.50



Non standard orders available after standard cases have been allocated

and wild raspberries complimented by a hint of sweet violet. Ideal with salads, fish dishes, some oriental cuisine and red fruit based deserts. Or keep it simple and enjoy as an aperitif.

Price per bottle £5.96

Sainte Croix Magneric 2004

The grape varieties are old vine Grenache Noir, Carignan Noir and Morrastel Bouchet (2%) with some young vine Syrah. Its deep red colour with fruits and a light toasted vanilla note on the nose. On the palate there are fruits with notes of violet and soft brown sugar. The tannins are soft and ripe creating an elegant and powerful wine, which perfectly accompanies lamb and roast venison dishes.

Price per bottle £9.55

Sainte Croix La Serre 2004

This wine is made from Grenache Blanc and Grenache Gris. It is pale in colour with a hint of green, on the nose there are citrus aromas with peach and cashew nut. On the palate there are similar fruit characters with intense minerality. It is ideal with fish and shellfish dishes, rich creamy sauces and white meats. A fine balance of freshness and fullness.

Price per bottle £7.55

Sainte Croix La Sorbeille 2004

This wine contains mostly Syrah with some Carignan Noir and Grenache Noir. This deep coloured rosé has pronounced red fruits on the nose. On the palate there are cherries

Sainte Croix Carignan 2004

Made from old vine Carignan Noir and 15% of Grenache Noir. The deep red/purple coloured wine gives prune and fig aromas with spicy wood on the nose. In contrast, the palate is led by wild red and exotic dried fruits, tobacco and walnut. The Grenache gives an impression of sweetness and hints of Banyuls/Port richness balancing the acidity with the soft grape and wood tannins. Best decanted and served at 18C with strong meat dishes and rich or bitter chocolate deserts.

Price per bottle £11.95