LIEU-DIT COCAGNE COTEAUX DU VENDÔMOIS ROSÉ

Made from Pineau d'Aunis, a grape grown only in the Loire Valley, this is a rosé like no other. Pale coral with glints of copper. The nose is peppery pink grapefruit with accents of red currants, tarragon and linden. The grapefruit carries over onto the palate, which brings a burst of acidity. The wine finishes and lingers – all citrusy and tart. The mouth feel is minerally soft and round. Suitable for leisurely quaffing or matching with summer salads, grilled shrimp or chicken.

Pineau d'Aunis is a dark-skinned wine grape variety whose story began in the Loire Valley in the Middle Ages. Despite once being popular with royalty on both sides of the English Channel, the variety is now increasingly rare, and is limited to a role in the rosés and light reds of the central Loire. It is valued for the gently peppery spiciness it brings to the area's rosé wines, a role mirrored by the Carignan and Tibouren used to make the famous rosé wines of Provence. When the elements grant the Loire a vintage with warm weather more akin to that found in Provence, Pineau d'Aunis is also capable of producing distinctive and interesting red wines.

Produced by a Loire Valley cooperative and made with the local grape, the Lieu-dit Cocagne is a great-tasting rose at a great price.

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Tasting Note:

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100% Pineau d'Aunis. Aromas of peppery pink grapefruit; red currants, tarragon & linden; vivacious acidity & minerality; long citrus-tart finish.

Shelf Talker:

