

## DOMAINE VIAL-MAGNERES TRESMONTAINE 'PUITS AUX SOUHAITS' RANCIO SEC

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Tresmontaine 'Puits aux Souhaits' Rancio sec is the last produced under the auspice of the late winemaker, Bernard Sapéras, who kept it mainly for family and friends. Made from Grenache noir vines with an average age of 70 years. It was fermented in old casks over the course of several years before coming to rest in barrels first used for the domaine's Banyuls blanc. The average age of the blend is 10 years. The most elegant of the Côte Vermeille Rancio secs, 'Puits aux Souhaits' (Wishing Well) was bottled by Bernard's son Olivier and the Sapéras family. Vial-Magnères is a small family estate founded in the early 20th century by André Magnères. Now in its fourth generation under the leadership of Olivier Sapéras and Laurent Dalzovo. It farms just 25 acres of small, scattered plots above the coastlines of Banyuls-sur-Mer and Port-Vendres, its steeply terraced vineyards mining the pre-Cambrian schistous soils the region is renowned for. All vineyard work is carried out by hand. The average vine age is 50 years. They are devoted to the region's most historic wine, Rancio sec. At Vial-Magnères, emphasis is placed on producing transparent wines of place, with notable elegance and complexity.

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## Tasting Note:

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