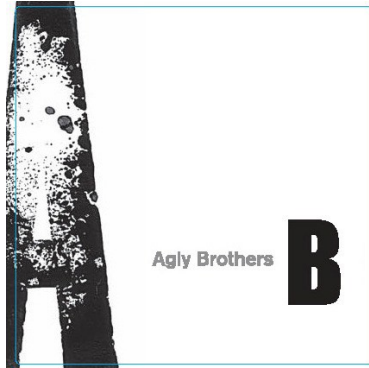


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Agly Brothers + La Pleiade

www.jasperhill.com Roussillon, France — Heathcote, Australia

A chance meeting in the mid nineties was the start of a partnership between two influential winemaking families of modern times—The Laughtons and the Chapoutiers. A common belief in biodynamic farming and its expression of “true terroir” led to the forming of a common vision—to create wines that were from opposing sides of the world, old and new world, that were joined in the philosophy of their creation—as true expressions of their terroir.



Agly Brothers Cotes du Roussillon -Agly Brothers is nurtured biodynamically and made with simplicity from vines grown in the Southern French town of Latour de France, located in Corbières zone in the hills above the Roussillon plains. Literally translated as ‘The Tower of France’, this small village borders the ancient kingdoms of Catalonia and France. Mature vineyards lay abandoned in this area of steep, arid slopes due to the high cost of farming, thus it is the quest of the Laughton and Chapoutier families to rediscover and fully express these exceptional, low-yielding sites. The vineyards are located on the slopes in the upper reaches of the Agly valley. The plot planted with Carignan and Shiraz is on gneiss at an altitude of 250m, and faces north. The plot planted with Grenache is on south-facing slopes on an original soil made up of schists on a layer of limestone.

La Pleiade Heathcote Shiraz This dynamic partnership also yielded a Shiraz vineyard in Central Victoria’s Heathcote region, the home of Jasper Hill. Planted in the spring of 1998, this tiny vineyard was established on virgin red Cambrian soils and planted with un-grafted vines of both Australian Shiraz clones, selected by Ron, and French Syrah clones taken from the Hermitage hill in the Rhone Valley, imported by Michel. The label depicts ‘La Pleiade’ (The Pleiades, Seven Sisters), a small, wispy star cluster in the constellation of Taurus that can be viewed by the naked eye from both partners home vineyards in Tain l’Hermitage and Heathcote.



2013 Agly Brothers Cotes du Roussillon - (60% Syrah, 20% Carignan, 20% Grenache). The grapes are 100% destemmed and fermented in small concrete tanks. The wine is transferred to larger barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wines are then aged for 16-20 months in oak, both new and old. *“Probably the greatest wine yet from this collaboration between Michel Chapoutier and Ron Laughton, the 2013 Cotes du Roussillon (60% Syrah and 20% each of Grenache and Carignan) was harvested on September 15 and sees only concrete-tank aging. It has the purity and focus of the vintage to go with superb notes of blackberry and black-cherry-like fruit, pepper, bouquet garni and incredible minerality. A big, rich, medium to full-bodied effort, it has great acidity, a silky, elegant texture and knockout length. It should be relatively accessible on release, yet benefit from short-term cellaring and have 10-15 years of overall longevity. Unfortunately, there were less than 300 cases produced.”* (94-96) erobertparker.com Apr '15

2012 Agly Brothers Cotes du Roussillon - *“The 2012 Cotes du Roussillon Agly Brothers comes from a collaboration between the Chapoutier family and the Laughton family (of Jasper Hill in Australia) and was first made in 2004. A blend of Syrah (from granite soils), Grenache and Carignan, it offers a knockout bouquet of sweet blackberry-styled fruit, olive, leather, crushed rock and hints of mint that flows to a structured, rich and beautifully textured profile on the palate. It will drink nicely for 10-12 years or more.”* (92-95) erobertparker.com Apr '14

2013 La Pleiade Shiraz - (100% Shiraz) The grapes are hand harvested, gently destemmed and then fermented in concrete vats with indigenous yeasts for six weeks. The wine is very lightly pressed and aged for 14 months in French oak casks. *“from a great vintage, has that typical Heathcote character of power coupled with elegance, in a crimson coloured, red berry and ripe plum scented wine with the earthiness and minerality of the underlying deep, red, Cambrian era basaltic soil. Fermented in a concrete tank as usual, then 12 months in new and newish French oak barriques, bottled under the best, hand selected cork, in December 2014 and released now.”* Ron Laughton

2012 La Pleiade Shiraz - *“Medium to deep garnet, the 2012 Cluster M45 Shiraz presents lovely red and black cherry notes, black raspberries and kirsch with hints of menthol, aniseed, pepper and lavender. Medium-bodied, elegant and showing very fine tannins, it has just enough acid to lift the rich fruit and a good long finish. It should age very well. Note that no 2011 Cluster M45 was produced. 2017-2032.”* 95+ erobertparker.com February 2015