

PROFILE

Located in Boutenac, just south of the village of Corbières in the Languedoc region, Ollieux-Romanis is now one of the largest privately owned wineries in Corbières, spanning some 130 hectares. Along with the Carignan, Cinsault, Grenache Noir, Syrah, Marsanne, and Roussanne, all of which are quite common to the Languedoc, the Bories also cultivate Sauvignon Blanc, Grenache Blanc, Grenache Gris, Merlot, and Mourvèdre, the “unapproved” varieties going into their fun entry-level VdP label Capucines. Ollieux-Romanis is also currently working its way to fully organic status, having dispensed with herbicides and pesticides in the late 1990s.

Atal Sia translates to “let it be” in the local Languedocien dialect and is the perfect expression for this wine, which beautifully translates the authenticity of the terroir in Boutenac.

SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: Corbières Atal Sia

Varietals: 45% Carignan, 30% Grenache, 20% Mourvedre, 5% Syrah

Appellation: Corbières-Boutenac

Location: Boutenac

Soil: Sand, Clay and Limestone

Vineyard Age: 60 - 100 years

Vine Density: 4000 vines/ha

Harvest: Manual

Agricultural Method: Les Ollieux is currently working its way to fully organic status, having dispensed with herbicides and pesticides in the late 1990s. Instead, they compost with marc, or the leftover solids (skins, seeds, pulps, pits) of the grapes and olives after pressing. The estate recently received its ISO 14001 certification, which sets out the criteria and maps out a framework that a winery can follow to set up an effective environmental management system. Vegan. 🌱 🍃

Vinification: Maceration in whole clusters, with the three main varieties being cofermented. This cuvée doesn't see any oak, since it's meant to be a pure representation of Boutenac. One year of aging in bottle.

Alcohol: 13.50%

Tasting Notes: Bright ruby in color, offering a complex nose of spices, mocha, cocoa, blackberry, and blackcurrant. The palate is fresh and elegant, with full fruit and earth flavor and harmonious balance.

