



COMBEL-LA-SERRE AU CERISIER 2014

Grower: Julien Ilbert
Appellation: Cahors
Country: France
Grape: Malbec
Vintage: 2014
Production: 6,600 bottles
Cellaring: 2029+
Closure: Cork
Bottle size: 75cl

Alcohol: 12.5%
Yield: 45 hl/ha
Vines / hectare: 4,500

METHOD

Certified organic Malbec grapes from a single-hectare plot 350 metres above sea level, and 40-year-old vines planted on mostly red clay and limestone rock – *terroir* known locally by the old Occitan word *la cause*. It is next to a cherry orchard, hence the name. Fermented and aged in a mixture of cement and French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Inky dark colour, hint of oak and cedar alongside intense attack of blackcurrant fruit, then some violets, gamey notes and more blackcurrants. Adult Ribena. Black cherries and hints of tobacco. Fine tannins, massive length, and refreshing at only 12.5% alcohol.

VICTUALS

Roast beef, slow-cooked beef stews, roast lamb and Provençal vegetables