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Buzet Rouge 2016



Upstream from Bordeaux along the Garonne River lie the vineyards of Buzet, just north of Armagnac and southwest of Cahors. Buzet was recognized as an Appellation in 1973, as its clay limestone soils are ideal for Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Christophe Avi, winemaker at the **Domaine du Bois du Simon**, tends to these vines with the utmost respect for biodiversity of the terroir and this cuvée is vinified without oak. As great-grandson of the founder, he joined the estate in 1992. The domain covers 33 hectares (81.5 acres) of vines and produces 35,000 bottles of red, white and rosé wines each year under two Southwest France appellations: Buzet AOP and Brulhois AOP.

Christophe is passionate about biodynamic winemaking and has been farming without chemicals since taking over as winemaker. The estate is registered as Haut Valeur Environnementale level 3 and is in organic conversion.

Buzet wines are dominated by a large cave cooperative, however a handful of estates like Christophe's remain independent. An old Roman road, one followed by Prince Henry of Navarre runs through these vines. Like all wines of the Southwest region, they are historically lesser known than the wines of Bordeaux; the 100 Years war and the British occupation of Aquitaine favored Bordeaux from a tax perspective and left Buzet and its neighbors unsullied by the British. However, the Southwest/Gascogne is home to the oldest vineyards in France and there are many beautiful wines to discover here.

Vintage: 2016

Size: 750ml

Appellation: Buzet AOP

Soil Type: Gravel, Limestone

Varieties: 80% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon

Age of Vines: 20 years

Farming: HVE 3, organic conversion

Alcohol: 13.5%

Barrel Details: Stainless steel

SRP: \$18

