



A 2020 vintage that did not confine! !

by François Combard

The vines have not had any respite this year. On the contrary, they have been productive, taking advantage of very favorable climatic conditions, on our two terroirs, that of Pignans and La Londe les Maures.

The whites and the rosés express themselves with freshness and finesse, in harmony with the subtle nuances of their very pale colors. They are tender, fine, with delicate perfumes, light and harmonious with a saline finish. Certainly wines made to measure for the Summerseason!

The reds will be generous, offering strong colors with a good balance between acidity, alcohol and tannins. Wines full of promise, suitable for a good ageing.

100% Var corks !

On the massif des Maures, located in one of the most beautiful region in Provence, the Var, its « suberaie * » is the largest cork tree forest in France.

60 years ago, between Toulon and St Raphaël, there were still about sixty cork factories. A true regional craft ! This resource is now in danger.

The reasons :

> A collection of cork, from June to September is very delicate, requiring a great know-how which unfortunately tends to be lost. The lack of competence has unfortunately killed more than one business.

> The sanctuary of the forest makes access to the trees difficult.

> The successive fires, even if they spare the oaks, burn the cork, making them unfit for consumption.

> The tree must be 50 years old for its first quality harvest, and then the harvests that follow every 10 to 15 years.

These factors, coupled with global warming, are inexorably weakening this forest, which is giving way to a more arid scrubland.

In order to stimulate its re-establishment, we have just planted 600 young cork trees on a dozen hectares of the Figuière estate's hills. This program is carried out with the participation of the Regional Council, the ASL Suberaie Varoise and the Diam cork manufacturing company.

A commitment that will bear fruit in the long term, but will also give our corks back the typicity of the land ! As a reminder, the Confidentielle range and its corks already benefit from this Provencal label of origin.

