

# Gérard Bertrand 'Heritage An 1618' Picpoul de Pinet 2019



Rich with zesty citrus fruit and melon, floral notes and a fresh, white pepper and green apple finish.

## Producer Note

Gérard Bertrand is one of the most outstanding winemakers in the South of France, where he owns numerous estates among the most prestigious crus of Languedoc-Roussillon. Formerly the IWC Red Winemaker of the Year and Wine Enthusiast's European Winery of the Year, he is known locally as the "King" of the Languedoc. Brought up in the Languedoc vineyards, Gérard Bertrand is committed to sharing the characteristics and exceptional diversity of each of the terroirs. 20 years of expertise ensures that wines bearing Gérard Bertrand's signature have a unique style, driven by the values of excellence, authenticity, conviviality and innovation. In 2020, Gérard Bertrand was awarded Green Personality of the Year, by the Drinks Business Green Awards. We are proud to represent this leading French name in the UK.

## Vintage

2019 marks a return to a more Mediterranean profile than the previous year. There was less rain than in 2018; the rain fell mainly in autumn and winter, with a marked absence during the summer which experienced a series of heatwaves. Managing the water levels was a key issue in the vineyards. Mild temperatures in winter and spring resulted in early budding, which required protection from frost using special candles. Timely spring showers guaranteed a good supply of minerals essential for the growth and development of the leaf canopy. Flowering, véraison and ripening were all delayed by seven to 10 days compared to 2018. The vines were in excellent health at harvest and the grapes reached good levels of maturity.

## Vineyard

In the Héritage range, Gérard Bertrand highlights the history and the expression of the terroirs of the South of France, by celebrating a date which has marked the history of the appellation. In 1618, the botanist Magnol named Piquepoul as one of the most famous grape varieties in Languedoc, in his book 'Sylve Plantarium'. The vineyard borders the Mediterranean Sea, where the oceanic influence tempers the warm Mediterranean climate. The vines are grown in a limestone soil, which coupled with the oceanic breeze produces fresh, elegant wines.

## Winemaking

To reduce the risk of oxidation, the grapes were picked at a time when the temperature was at its coolest, either during the night or very early in the morning. They were taken into the cellars as quickly as possible and pressed immediately in a pneumatic press. The musts were then left to ferment at low temperatures of 16 to 18°C, retaining the aromatic purity. The wine was aged on its fine lees, in stainless steel vats for approximately six months, giving the wine added depth and character. Bottling took place the following spring.

## Tasting Note

Rich and enticing aromas of citrus and hawthorn lead to a zesty palate of lemony flavours and a livewire acidity which keeps your taste buds tingling through to an invigorating finish.

## Grape

Picpoul Blanc 100%



Winemaker:	Gérard Bertrand
Region:	Languedoc-Roussillon
Sub region:	Picpoul de Pinet
Country:	France
Alcohol:	13%
Dry/Sweet value:	1 (1 is dry, 7 is very sweet)
Residual Sugar:	3.9
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	No/No
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic/Biodynamic	No/No
Product Code:	5695719A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Screwcap