

# Domaine de Barroubio

## Saint-Jean de Minervois & Minervois



### The Domaine at-a-glance

**Owner / Winemaker:** Raymond Miquel  
**Soil:** Limestone, Clay, Sand      **Year Est:** 1400ish  
**Size:** 34Ha      **Location:** Barroubio, Languedoc-Roussillon  
**Appellations Produced:** Saint-Jean de Minervois, Minervois



*Raymond Miquel in his  
"Lou Bau de la Salles" vineyard*

The vineyards surrounding the Domaine de Barroubio look like a lunar landscape. Covered with broken-up, white, chalky rocks on the spinal crest of a hill, the vineyards line a road that seems to lead to nowhere. The domaine and the tiny hamlet of Barroubio have been in the Miquel family since the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The current generation, Raymond Miquel, has recently taken over the operation of the domaine from his mother. Today they own 25 hectares in the very small A.O.C Muscat de St Jean de Minervois. They also have 9 hectares of Minervois (Red), which has some plantings of vines that are over 110 years old.

Minervois, which owes its name to Minerva the Roman goddess of wisdom, has been known for producing fine wine since the time when the Romans first settled here. **AOC Saint-Jean de Minervois** is located at the far northeastern corner of Minervois. It is one of the few appellations

where one can see exactly where the appellation begins and ends with the naked eye. The appellation consists of a very defined strip of bright white limestone where the Muscat Blanc à Petits Grains is the only grape variety permitted. Within the space of a few feet one can see the soil change dramatically from white to red, which denotes the boundary of the appellation. The sandy, clay-rich red soil is where the red grapes that produce **AOC Minervois Rouge** grow. In Saint-Jean de Minervois, the extremely chalky soil and high altitudes (Barroubio's vineyards are at 300 meters above sea level) produce an exceedingly complex and structured Muscat. Maximum yields for the Muscat are 28 hectoliters per hectare, although Domaine de Barroubio's miniscule yields are often half of that. There are only six producers that estate-bottle in this tiny appellation. The one cooperative still produces 75% of the wine in Saint-Jean de Minervois.



*To the left: white limestone soil for Muscat vineyards  
To the right: iron-rich soil for red grape varieties*

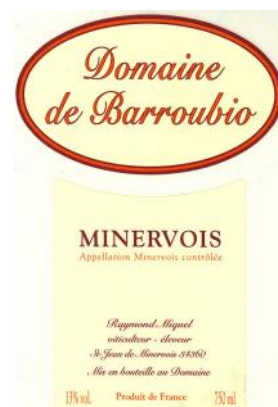
### Domaine de Barroubio, Rosé 2015

#### Technical Notes:

The Barroubio Rosé is "rosé de saignée". This means that juice is pulled out of the tank before the red grape skins have an opportunity to add much color to the wine. Since the juice is white and the skins are deep red, the result of this process is a brilliant pink color with hints of fuchsia.

#### Tasting Notes:

This is a beautiful bright pink rosé with a subtle magenta hue. The nose is perfumed with hints of strawberry, cherry, and floral notes. In the mouth the wine is dominated by cherry and raspberry flavors. The finish is vibrant, and very mineral, making this wine a great aperitif. However, Barroubio's rosé is also a perfect match for salmon, pork tenderloin, and poultry dishes.



**50% Syrah  
50% Grenache**