

Clos Hirissou

Gaillac | Southwest France

Historic Gaillac estate reimagined | Organic, site-driven wines with a personal vision

Clos Hirissou is a singular hillside site in the Gaillac Premières Côtes appellation, shaped by generations of the Hirissou family and reimagined today by Nicolas Hirissou.

While the family's roots in Gaillac extend back more than three centuries, Clos Hirissou represents a new chapter. Established in its current form in 2017, the project reflects Nicolas's vision to create wines that are both deeply connected to place and expressive of his own creative identity.



The Project

Clos Hirissou is located on the slopes of Sénouillac in the Gaillac Premières Côtes appellation. The site has been in the Hirissou family since the 19th century, with historic plantings dating from 1860 onward.

Set on an exposed hillside, the vineyard benefits from consistent sun and airflow. Redeveloped by Nicolas Hirissou, the site reflects a more personal and exploratory direction within the family's work, combining vineyard, landscape, and broader agricultural elements into a single project.

The People

Nicolas Hirissou, sixth-generation winemaker, has led the estate since 2002. After studying viticulture and working internationally, he returned to Gaillac with a focus on elevating quality and defining a clear identity.

His work is influenced by both tradition and personal interests, including falconry and Corsica, which inform a more experimental and expressive approach to winemaking.

The Terroir

Clos Hirissou is situated on the slopes of Sénouillac in the Gaillac Premières Côtes appellation, with vineyards planted on clay-limestone soils over limestone bedrock. This hillside site offers strong sun exposure and natural airflow, supporting balanced ripening and concentration while maintaining freshness in the wines.

Farming & Philosophy

Clos Hirissou is farmed organically, with a focus on biodiversity and vineyard health. The site is a mixed agricultural system, incorporating olive trees, fruit trees, truffle oaks, and extensive natural hedging to support a balanced ecosystem. High-density planting and strict yield control support concentration and consistency. Vineyard management favors observation and adaptation, to maintain parcel balance.

In the cellar, vinification is parcel-driven, allowing each site to express its character with precision, with a focus on clarity, structure, and restraint.

the wines

A focused range highlighting freshness, structure, and distinctive varietal expression from Gaillac.

Chenin

A bright, expressive Chenin Blanc with white fruit, floral notes, and a fresh, lifted finish.

La Petite Sirah

A structured, complex red with dark fruit, spice, and firm, refined tannins, built for aging.

Pet-Nat Rosé

A lively sparkling rosé with delicate bubbles, green apple, wild berry, and a crisp, refreshing profile.