

# Chateau Pradeaux

## Vesprée Rosé



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LES HÉRITIERS DU COMTE PORTALIS EARL EXPLOITANT, ST CYR-S/MER, VAR FRANCE

There is the appellation of Bandol with its plethora of producers, some good, some mediocre; and then there is Chateau Pradeaux, the unique, inimitable, standard-bearer for this ancient wine-growing district. The Chateau Pradeaux is situated on the outskirts of the town of Saint Cyr-sur-Mer that lies directly on the Mediterranean Ocean between Toulon and Marseilles. The estate has been in the hands of the Portalis family since before the French Revolution. In fact, Jean-Marie-Etienne Portalis, who inherited the estate in 1752, helped draft the Napoleonic Code and assisted at the negotiation of the Concordat under Napoleon the First. The estate was devastated during the French Revolution and suffered the effects of the phylloxera epidemic in the 19th century. Suzanne Portalis and her daughter, Arlette, retreated to the domaine during World War II and undertook to revive the domaine. The domaine is currently under the direction of Cyrille Portalis, the sole direct descendant of Suzanne and Arlette. He continues to maintain the great traditions of this estate and is assisted by his wife, Magali, and now his two sons, Etienne and Edouard.

### Wine

“Vesprée” represents a small portion of Pradeaux’s Bandol Rosé production vinified and aged in a combination of foudre and cement egg, and with an additional six months of ageing before bottling. Our tastings from the individual vessels in the cellars every year show a wine full of energy, slightly leaner and more focused than the basic Bandol above, but with similar concentration and grip.

### Vineyards

**Country:** France

**Region:** Provence

**Appellation:** Vin de France

**Soil:** Limestone-clay

**Farming Practices:** Following organic practices

### Winemaking

**Fermentation:** Spontaneous fermentation in wood foudres and concrete eggs.

**Varieties:** Cinsault (50%), Mourvèdre (50%)

**Aging:** 6 months on lees; 12 months in foudres and concrete eggs.