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Fifty years ago, near Saint-Tropez, the vineyard of La Ferme des Lices looked set to disappear; divided up into lots to be sold by a property developer, the vines were bought by a number of purchasers. However, one buyer gave the care of her vines over to Laurence Berlemont, a young oenologist. Little by little, others did the same, and by 2002 six parcels of vines (and two olive groves) had been regrouped. Joined by business partner Patrick Deveaux, Laurence Berlemont created a winery and eventually, La Ferme des Lices was born.

Situated on the south-east coast of the Var, on the Salins plain, the soils of the estate are made of schist and sand on a base of granite. The Mediterranean sunshine and Mistral wind help keep the eight-hectare vineyard disease-free; the Rolle, Grenache, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Tibouren vines flourish here under the watchful eye of vineyard manager Nicolas Drion.

The estate makes some 8,000 bottles of rosé a year; their Côte de Provence rosé is a 50/50 blend of Grenache and Cinsault. Hand-picked grapes are carefully sorted before undergoing a gentle maceration at 15-16 ° C. Light fining and clarification by a process of natural sedimentation complete the vinification of this wine, which has a pale, cristalline robe, a nose that is both powerful yet elegant (think citrus and red fruits), and a generous, expressive style that speaks of its terroir.

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