

GRAND AVENUE
— WINES —

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“Where is the greatest terroir in Languedoc? You could make a case for Faugères, for Pic St Loup, for parts of St Chinian, for Minervois La Livinière, maybe for La Clape, but after my trip I have to say that if you were to write me out a cheque for a million euros and tell me to go to find somewhere to make great red wine, I would look most closely of all at Terrasses du Larzac.”
– Andrew Jefford

La Pèira en Damaisèla was established back in 2004 by composer Robert Dugan and is situated at the foot of the Larzac plateau. There is a growing consensus that this is one of the most promising terroirs in the Languedoc. La Pèira itself is comprised of two parcels of land named Bois de Pauliau and Bellefeuille. The climate here is one of long, hot summers and cold winters and as with many great vineyards, the deep gravelly soils are of poor quality. The vines have to fight for their existence. The name comes from a term used by local stonemasons which has become a local expression “Plaçar una pèira en damaisèla” or “place the stone with its best face forward”.

Alongside Dugan, the wine making team here is top drawer consisting of Jeremie Depierre, who previously worked at Chateau Margaux and noted consultant oenologist Claude Gros. The yields are miniscule (7.5hl/ha), the wine making is meticulous, and the finished wines are aged in new oak barrels for 18 to 24 months before being bottle unfiltered and unfined.

The results are exceptional. La Pèira, primarily made from syrah blended with a little Grenache, is a richly flavoured wine with a polished texture that saturates the palate with dark, ripe fruit. Whilst the wine built for ageing it possesses considerable elegance, a hallmark of this domaine. Las Flors de la Pèira is a blend of syrah, grenache and mourvedre. It is more approachable than its sibling but delivers the same rich texture and long, persistent finish.

Manfred Krankl who makes the cult Californian wine Sine Qua Non sums it up “I have decided that today I want to put forth a terrific wine recommendation to you all. It is of a wine I had never heard of before, but one I surely won’t forget any time soon. My friend Eric Solomon was kind enough to gift me a bottle of 2007 Terrasses du Larzac “La Pèira”... It has exactly what I cherish in a wine and what I strive for with my own wines – a sunny disposition, full, ripe flavours, but nothing at all over the top here, nothing two-square or clumsy, but rather just a delightful potpourri of dark berry fruit and maybe some dried flowers.... What a wine. I have no idea what it costs, but just about whatever it is – buy it!”

All prices are quoted in bond.

● 2009 Las Flors de la Pèira, Coteaux de Languedoc	12x75cl	£280
● 2010 La Pèira en Damaisèla, Coteaux de Languedoc	12x75cl	£600
● 2009 Las Flors de la Pèira, Coteaux de Languedoc	12x75cl	£240
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All wines are offered in bond excluding duty, VAT and delivery unless otherwise stated and are subject to availability. Wine is only sold by the complete case (either 6×75cl or 12×75cl as indicated). Please note we have a minimum order size of 12 bottles.

Prices

Prices are provisional and subject to confirmation upon our acceptance of your order. Confirmation may be by e-mail or by the delivery of an invoice.

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Payment is due on invoice. We accept payment by bank transfer or by cheque (please allow five (5) working days for cheques to clear).

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