



# Les Quatre Tours L'ESTELLAN Rosé 2018

**APPELLATION :** IGP PAYS DES BOUCHES DU RHONE

**GRAPE VARIETIES :** MERLOT – CABERNET (70/30)

**TERROIR:** Soil of marl and chalk located in the hillsides of the TREVARESSE chain. Altitude of 250 to 400 meters with a south exposure. Hot micro-climate tempered by the Mistral-wind and the altitude.

**VINIFICATION:** Grapes issued of carefully selected plots. Short skin contact, and bleeding before pressing. The two wines are blended after growing in order to find the right balance.

**VINTAGE: a difficult vintage due to heavy rains – heavy losses in organic**

After a mild and particularly rainy winter, the blossom opened a bit later than in 2017 (average year). A combination of rains and sun helped the vines to develop quickly, and the inflorescences appear early.

May was particularly wet with heavy rains (records were beaten), and all the growers seeing the development of the parasite fungus (mildiou and oidium) were worried about the healthiness of the vines. In some periods it was impossible to treat, the soil was water-soaked.

Blooming occurs early June, when the sky stays grey. We had to wait till 2nd part of June to get a summertime weather. July was really warm and dry, and some storms perturbate the month of August.

The harvest begins second week of September and rains are forecasted for the equinox. The first blow of mistral wind dries the grapes and stops the development of the root. The announced rains didn't come and finally the harvest is made in pretty good weather conditions.

Vintage 2018 as not the same concentration than 2017 but the wines show a nice fruitiness and finesse.

The yields are bigger than in 2017, but Provence is lacking wine.

**FOOD & WINE :**

Good **party** wine.

With **ham, sausages** and **paté**.

With **grilled** and **barbecues**.

Can be chilled for summer lunches.

## TASTING NOTES

**EYE:** Light red-cherry colour.

**NOSE:** Fruity and spicy bouquet.

**MOUTH:** Round, and well balanced with soft tannins. Fruity aromas (red fruits) with a hint of spice (cinnamon, nutmeg).

Round finish, medium aftertaste. An easy drinking red.