



# VERTU VIN

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**Label:** Domaine Begude

**Appellation:** PINOT ROSE Vin de Pays d'Oc 2008

**Grape Variety:** 100% Pinot Noir. 60% 15 year-old vines and 40% 9 year-old vines.

**Location:** 400m up in the foothills of the Pyrenees in the Limoux region of the Languedoc.

**Soil Type:** Clay-Limestone.

**Yields:** 55 hl/ha

**Viticulture:** Our governing philosophy in the vineyard is to promote a healthy sustainable environment, giving us grapes of the very highest natural quality. Maintaining a healthy living soil is a crucial element of this. Consequently, we fertilise using only organic sheep & cow manure so that the soil is packed with live micro organisms & beneficial bacteria. To guard this balance, we weedkill mechanically rather than chemically & encourage the growth of green manures. We take a biodynamic approach to enhance this further & pay careful attention to the lunar calendar, especially at planting, pruning & harvest time.

**Vinification:** Harvested by machine the nights of 11th & 16th September 2008. After 1½ hour maceration the grapes were pressed in a pneumatic press. The juice was fermented at a controlled temperature of 15-17 C in stainless steel tank. Then left in stainless steel tank and carefully monitored until bottling in January and March 2009. We employ a strict minimum intervention policy in the winery ensuring that the wine is purely fermented grape juice with no nasty or harmful additives.

**Bottling:** January and March 2009 on the property.

**RS:** 0.26g/l; Acidity: 3.86g/l; PH: 3.32; Alc: 11.56%

**Tasting Notes:** Plump strawberries, plums and cherries on the nose give way to luscious summer fruits, which crowd the palate. Enjoy this ravishing pink beauty from the sunny South of France as an aperitif or with any light meals.

