

# LE GRAND Noir

(BLACK SHEEP)

## CABERNET - SHIRAZ

*Vintage:* 2006  
*Grape Variety:* 60% Cabernet Sauvignon  
40% Shiraz  
*Appellation:* Pays d'Oc, France  
*Region:* Languedoc-Roussillon (Minervois)  
*Oak Maturation:* 100% in American and French  
oak for 6 months

*Cellaring Potential:* Enjoy now

*Alcohol:* 13%

*Acidity:* 3.14 g/l

*pH:* 3.64

*Residual Sugar:* 5.5 g/l

### *Vineyard Notes:*

The vineyards, selected from low yielding vines, come from the areas of Carcassonne and the Minervois. Minervois has a mild Mediterranean climate, rolling uplands among broad plateaus, and soil composed of limestone, clay, and schist, streaked with granite and chalk. Considered the best of the region.

### *Winemaking Notes:*

The grapes were picked at optimum ripeness then cold macerated prior to alcoholic fermentation in order to extract colour and flavour. The wine was macerated on skin for four weeks then pressed and malo-lactic fermentation was carried out in oak barrels. The wine was racked then aged for six months.

### *Tasting Notes:*

Deep red colour with purple fringe. Intense aromas of vanilla, coffee, red fruit, spice and herbs. Rich palate with soft tannins, vanilla and red fruit flavours, with excellent length.

### *Food Pairings:*

To go with all meat and cheese dishes or even to be served after a meal with chocolate.



750mL 1.5L



Special Edition 1.5 Liter

## Wine Spectator

“If you want a representative test of what Languedoc-Roussillon offers, search out wines from... Minervois... (it) delivers the highest number of top rated wines...majority coming from the '03 vintage.”