



# No'7 LA LIVINIÈRE BY DOMAINE GAYDA



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Remarkable wines from like-minded producers around the world, curated for you by Chapel Down's head winemaker, Josh Donaghay-Spire.

This year, we've once again been working with our esteemed colleagues at Domaine Gayda in the South of France to create not one, but two beautifully rich red wines. A combination of traditional yet diverse terroirs throughout the Languedoc, combined with innovative winemaking methods adds uniqueness and character to each wine.

## VINTAGE

2019

## REGION

La Livinière, France

## GRAPE VARIETY

90% Syrah, 10% Grenache

## VINEYARDS

Sourced from some of the best La Livinière vineyards which are on predominantly limestone soils with some schist. It is higher in altitude than the coastal plains and as such the wine shows a greater degree of freshness and balance. 2019 was a hot year with low summer rainfall which has given the concentration seen in this wine.

## WINEMAKING

The grapes were destemmed and crushed before a cold soak and subsequent wild fermentation which took place at 24-26°C, followed by MLF. Total time in contact with the skins was around one month before pressing and maturation as below.

50% Syrah matured in new oak barrels

40% Syrah aged in older oak barrels

10% Grenache matured in a mix of foudres, eggs and tank

## ANALYSIS

RS: <1 g/l

ABV: 14%

pH: 3.60

TA: 4.8 g/l

## TASTING NOTES

Concentrated aromas of dark fruit compote and vanilla spice on the nose. The palate is intense with flavours of dark chocolate and well-integrated oak. The smooth elegant tannins lead to the rich, indulgent finish.