

FEATURED WINES

2011 Lavender Row L'Île de Beauté, France Pinot Noir

Most of France's wine appellations are limited to a very small number of grape varieties.

When you think of Bordeaux, you think mainly of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. When you think of Burgundy, you think mainly of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. It has been that way for centuries, influenced by both tradition and by law.

But there is one relatively small appellation where pretty much anything goes. It is L'Île de Beauté, the name given to the French island of Corsica, which sits in the Mediterranean Sea between the western coast of Tuscany and the southeastern coast of Provence. With more than 40 varieties under vine, Corsica could be viewed as a big experimental vineyard, surrounded by water.

With its L'Île de Beauté Pinot Noir, Lavender Row seeks to capture the essence of its Mediterranean homeland. It's a floral, fruitful wine with a light mouthfeel — an island paradise in a wine glass.

TASTING NOTES

Grape Composition:

100% Pinot Noir

Aging Vessels:

French Oak Barrels

Grape Source:

L'Île de Beauté (Island of Corsica), France

When to Drink:

Now Through 2015

Aromas and Flavors:

Flowers, Red Cherry, Savory, Red Berries, Herbs and a Hint of Caramel

Our Tasting Panel Score:

88 Points

This light, easy-drinking wine offers notes of flowers, red cherry, savory, red berries, herbs and caramel.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: poultry, medium cheeses, or grilled fish.

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