



# DOMAINE LA COLLIÈRE

## Rasteau La Fontaine

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The words finesse and Rasteau are seldom used together. Rich, dense or rustic are more commonly associated with the wines from this village in the Rhône valley. Domaine la Collière stands out in Rasteau as a proponent of a more elegant style of wine. While others pursue concentration and density to tame this wild terroir, Georges and Delphine Perrot try to avoid over-extraction so as to promote aromatics, reduce harsh tannins and reframe the power of the terroir with freshness. Their wines are adamantly Rasteau but lifted and bright.

Located in the former cave of the self professed madman of Rasteau, André Roméro, Domaine la Collière was founded in 2002. For a decade preceding the founding of the estate Georges had been manually farming the vineyards of Delphine's family weaning them off chemical inputs while getting a sense for the potential terroir. Spread over 30 vineyard plots this 25 hectare estate has holdings in the three main terroir of Rasteau: red clay and gravel, pale limestone clay, and blue clay.

Apart from a few demi-muids for aging Mourvedre, the wines of Domaine la Collière are aged entirely in only concrete tanks. There is a gentle maceration on the skins for each tank with délestage performed 2 to three times. The Rasteau la Fontaine is the most muscular cuvée made at Domaine la Collière. A blend of Grenache and Mourvedre, La Fontaine is sourced entirely from blue clay soils – the terroir that generally produces the most robust and structured wines in Rasteau. The Grenache is aged in cement tank while the Mourvedre is aged in demi-muid.

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### ORIGIN

*France*

### APPELLATION

*Rasteau*

### SOIL

*Blue clay*

### AGE OF VINES

*40–70*

### ELEVATION

*160 meters*

### VARIETIES

*Grenache, Mourvedre*

### FARMING

*Practicing organic*

### FERMENTATION

*Hand harvested, destemmed, fermented in concrete, délestage 2–3 times*

### AGING

*15 months in tank (Grenache) and French oak demi-muids (Mourvedre)*

## ACCOLADES

92 – 2013 Rasteau La Fontaine – Wine Advocate



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SELECTIONS