



# DOMAINE GIRAUD

## Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Grenaches de Pierre

Domaine Giraud was founded in 1974 by Pierre and Mireille Giraud. Pierre comes from a long line of vigneron and is a sixth-generation winegrower in the village. His mother was a member of the Armenier family, making Pierre a descendant of one of the oldest families in the village and a cousin to Sophie and Catherine at Domaine Marcoux. Mireille was born into the Buou family, which ran the local distillery in Châteauneuf-du-Pape – a vital part of the social and economic fabric of the community for over a century. The distillery closed several decades ago, but the building still survives on the outskirts of the village, re-purposed in 1981 to house Domaine Giraud's cellars.

Beginning with only 4 hectares of leased vineyards, the estate has slowly grown to encompass 30 hectares, mostly in Châteauneuf-du-Pape with a small plot of 60-year-old Grenache and some leased vines of Mourvèdre & Syrah in Lirac. François is in charge of the farming at Domaine Giraud which has been certified organic (ECOCERT) since 2011. They tend several terroirs, most notably the red clay and gravelly soils of Les Galimardes and Le Crau, but they also have vines in Les Terres Blanches (pale limestone) and Pignan (sand). There is a high proportion of old vine Grenache throughout their holdings.

Named in honor of Pierre Giraud, the semi-retired father of Marie and François, Les Grenaches de Pierre is sourced from 100 year old vines of Grenache planted on sandy soils in the lieux-dits of Pignan, Mourre de Gaud and Charbonnières Est. It is fermented and aged entirely in concrete to preserve the vibrancy and freshness of these distinctive terroirs.

### ORIGIN

France

### APPELLATION

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

### SOIL

Sand

### AGE OF VINES

100+

### ELEVATION

60-100 meters

### VARIETIES

Grenache

### FARMING

Certified organic (ECOCERT)

### FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, several tries with strict selection, destemmed, pre-fermentation cold maceration, fermented in concrete

### AGING

18 months in concrete tanks

### ACCOLADES

96 – 2020 Grenaches de Pierre – Jeb Dunnuck

95-97 – 2020 Grenaches de Pierre – Wine Advocate

95 – 2020 Grenaches de Pierre – Wine Spectator

