



DOMAINE DE LA JANASSE

Terre de Bussière

Over the last quarter century, Domaine de la Janasse has become one of the most highly-regarded estates in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Led by siblings Christophe and Isabelle Sabon, the estate combines the best of both traditional and modern techniques to craft a collection of truly riveting wines from “simple” value-priced VDP’s to their benchmark Châteauneufs.

The estate was founded in 1976 by Aimé Sabon, the father of Christophe and Isabelle, who still oversees the vineyards. The property consists of 40 hectares, spread over as many as 70 different parcels throughout the appellation. While Aimé works in the vineyards, his children, Christophe and Isabelle, are in charge of wine production. Christophe is a self-proclaimed “great defender of Grenache,” which still represents 75% of their vines. With assistance from Aimé and Isabelle, he manages the common rusticity of Grenache-based wines through meticulous work in the vineyards and cellar. The result is a wide range of rich and flavorful Châteauneuf-du-Papes, Cotes-du-Rhône and Vins de Pays that are complex and balanced – often in contradiction to a region better known for sheer exuberance and power.

Terre de Bussière comes from a vineyard that bears this name and which is located on the banks of the Ouvèze in the village of Courthézon. This 15ha site is planted with Merlot, Syrah, Grenache and Cabernet Sauvignon – all of which make it into the final blend. After harvesting the grapes by hand they are partially destemmed and fermented in tank with a 10-15 day maceration followed by aging in French oak barrels.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Principauté d'Orange I.G.P.

SOIL

Clay limestone, gravel

AGE OF VINES

10-60

ELEVATION

50 meters

VARIETIES

Merlot, Syrah, Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon

FARMING

Practicing organic and biodynamic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, 20% whole cluster, fermentation in tank, 12-15 day maceration

AGING

12 months in French oak (30% new)



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