



DOMAINE DE LA JANASSE

Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc

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.

Isabel and Christophe Sabon source the fruit for their Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc from a vineyard just outside the borders of Châteauneuf-du-Pape and its famed lieu-dit of Le Crau. Totaling about 5 hectares, this site is sandy and planted with Grenache Blanc, Clairette, Bourboulenc, Viogner and Roussanne. It is fermented and aged entirely in French oak vats.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Côtes-du-Rhône

SOIL

Sand

AGE OF VINES

10-60

ELEVATION

45 meters

VARIETIES

Grenache Blanc, Clairette, Bourboulenc, Viogner, Roussanne

FARMING

Practicing organic and biodynamic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, pneumatic pressing and fermentation in tank

AGING

6 months in tank with bâtonnage

ACCOLADES

91 – 2017 Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc – Wine Advocate

90 – 2017 Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc – Jeb Dunnuck

90 – 2013 Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc – Wine Advocate



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