



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. Their terroirs range from sandy soils, in their well-known plots in the North of the appellation – Chapouin and La Janasse– to lightly-colored clay-limestone soils and gravelly red clay and galets, most notably in La Crau in the South. While Aimé works the vineyards organically, his children, Christophe and Isabelle, are in charge of wine production. Christophe is a self-proclaimed “great defender of Grenache,” which represents 75% of their vines. With assistance from Aimé’s farming and Isabelle’s efforts in the cellar, he harnesses the typical exuberance of Grenache-based wines through careful vinifications that respect both terroir and vintage. The results are a wide range of rich and flavorful Châteauneuf-du-Papes, Côtes-du-Rhône, and Vins de Pays that are complex and balanced – often in contradiction to a region better known for sheer size 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, Viognier and Roussanne. It is fermented and aged entirely in tank to preserve its freshness.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Côtes-du-Rhône

SOIL

Sand, pebbles

AGE OF VINES

10–60

ELEVATION

45 meters

VARIETIES

Grenache Blanc, Clairette, Bourboulenc, Viognier, Roussanne

FARMING

Practicing organic and biodynamic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, pneumatic pressing and fermentation in tank

AGING

6 months in tank with bâtonnage

ACCOLADES

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