



DOMAINE DE LA JANASSE

Côtes-du-Rhône Les Garrigues

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.

Les Garrigues is a 2.5 hectare plot of 100 year old Grenache vines located in the village of Courthézon and just outside the boundary of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The soils here are a fine, pebbly, red clay covered with gnarled, mistral-blown vines. In terms of terroir it is more classically Châteauneuf than Côtes-du-Rhône and the Garrigues is made in a similar fashion as the estates Châteauneufs – 25% whole cluster fermentation in oak vats, a 21 day maceration and daily, manual pigeage followed by aging in foudre.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Côtes-du-Rhône

SOIL

Red clay limestone, gravel

AGE OF VINES

60-80

ELEVATION

70 meters

VARIETIES

Grenache

FARMING

Practicing organic and biodynamic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, 25% whole cluster, fermentation in tank, 21 day maceration with daily pigeage

AGING

20 months in foudre

ACCOLADES

94 – 2016 Côtes-du-Rhône Les Garrigues – Jeb Dunnuck

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