



DOMAINE DE LA JANASSE

Côtes-du-Rhône Villages Terre d'Argile

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.

North of the village of Courthézon and just a stone’s throw away from the eastern border of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Christophe and Isabel Sabon farm a 15 hectare plot of old vines on a gravelly, red clay soil. With similar soils, elevation and aspect to it’s neighbor, and treated in the cellar with the same care and respect, it’s no wonder that when tasted blind many would confuse this wine for Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Côtes-du-Rhône Villages

SOIL

Red clay limestone, gravel

AGE OF VINES

40-60

ELEVATION

80 meters

VARIETIES

Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre, Carignan

FARMING

Practicing organic and biodynamic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, 20% whole cluster, fermentation in tank, 18-21 day maceration with daily pigeage

AGING

Grenache 12 months in foudre, Syrah, Mourvedre & Carignan 12 months in foudre and French oak barrel (30% new)

ACCOLADES

92 – 2016 CdR Villages Terre d'Argile – Jeb Dunnuck

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