



DOMAINE DE LA JANASSE

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 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.

The Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc from Domaine de la Janasse is sourced from sandy soils in the lieux-dits of La Janasse and Le Crau where the Sabon family tend about 1.5 ha of white varieties, mainly Grenache Blanc with smaller plantings of Clairette and Roussanne. The Grenache and Clairette are fermented and aged in vats and foudre while the Roussanne is fermented and aged in French oak barrels.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

SOIL

Clay limestone, galets

AGE OF VINES

60+

ELEVATION

50-100 meters

VARIETIES

Grenache Blanc, Roussanne, Clairette

FARMING

Practicing organic and biodynamic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, pneumatic pressing and fermentation in tank, Roussanne fermented in barrel

AGING

Grenache and Clairette 7 months in tank with bâtonnage, Roussanne 7 months in French oak (80% new)

ACCOLADES

93 – 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc – Jeb Dunnuck

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