



DOMAINE DE LA JANASSE

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Chaupin

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.

Chaupin was first conceived when Eric Solomon began importing Domaine de la Janasse into the US in 1990. At the time, Eric was struck by the purity and energy of the old-vine Grenache that Christophe Sabon made from the lieu-dit of Chapouin and he convinced him to bottle a portion of this wine as a separate cuvée. Since that time the sourcing of Chaupin has expanded to also include Grenache from sandy soils in La Janasse and Le Crau.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

SOIL

Sand

AGE OF VINES

100+

ELEVATION

50-100 meters

VARIETIES

Grenache

FARMING

Practicing organic and biodynamic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, 20% whole cluster, fermentation in tank, 21-28 day maceration

AGING

18 months in foudre, 600L neutral French oak barrels, and 225L French oak barrels (20% new)

ACCOLADES

99 – 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Chaupin – Jeb Dunnuck

96 – 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Chaupin – Wine Advocate

96 – 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Chaupin – Wine Advocate



ERIC SOLOMON
SELECTIONS