



# DOMAINE DE LA JANASSE

## Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Prestige

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 Prestige from Domaine de la Janasse is sourced from sandy soils in the lieu-dit of La Janasse. It is almost three quarters Roussanne with the remaining blend comprised of Grenache Blanc and Clairette. After harvesting the fruit by hand, it is sorted and pressed into French oak barrels for fermentation and aging.

### ORIGIN

*France*

### APPELLATION

*Châteauneuf-du-Pape*

### SOIL

*Clay limestone, galets*

### AGE OF VINES

*60+*

### ELEVATION

*50 meters*

### VARIETIES

*Roussanne, Grenache Blanc, Clairette*

### FARMING

*Practicing organic and biodynamic*

### FERMENTATION

*Hand harvested, pneumatic pressing and fermentation in neutral French oak*

### AGING

*14 months in neutral French oak with bâtonnage*

### ACCOLADES

97 – 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Prestige – Jeb Dunnuck

95 – 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Prestige – Wine Advocate

97 – 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Prestige – Wine Advocate



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