



DOMAINE DE LA JANASSE

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes

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.

In contrast to Chaupin, which is made from old-vine Grenache on sandy soils, the cuvée Vieilles Vignes is from old vines of Grenache, Mourvedre, Syrah along with smaller percentages of other permitted varieties that are grown in these old vineyards. The wine is sourced from 4 terroirs: pebbly clay, sand, gravelly red clay and sandy limestone.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

SOIL

Pebbly clay, sand, gravelly red clay, sandy limestone

AGE OF VINES

60-110+

ELEVATION

100-125 meters

VARIETIES

Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre, Cinsault and other permitted varieties

FARMING

Practicing organic and biodynamic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, 30% 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 Vieilles Vignes – Jeb Dunnuck

97+ – 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes – Wine Advocate

98 – 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes – Wine Advocate



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