



DOMAINE DE LA JANASSE

Viognier

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 Viognier from Domaine de la Janasse comes from a sandy and pebbly terroir just outside the boundaries of Châteauneuf-du-Pape and adjacent to the famed lieu-dit of Le Crau. The fruit is harvested by hand, gently pressed whole cluster, and fermented in vat. It is aged in foudre and French oak barrels of which 25% are new each vintage.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Principauté d'Orange I.G.P.

SOIL

Clay limestone, galets

AGE OF VINES

10-60

ELEVATION

30-125 meters

VARIETIES

Viognier

FARMING

Practicing organic and biodynamic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, pneumatic pressing and fermentation in tank

AGING

6 months in tank (60%) and French oak barrels (40%) of which 25% are new

ACCOLADES

90 – 2017 Viognier – Wine Advocate

89 – 2017 Viognier – Jeb Dunnuck

90 – 2015 Viognier – Wine Advocate



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