



# DOMAINE ROGER SABON

## Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Olivets

Domaine Roger Sabon was founded in 1952 and is currently run by Roger's sons Denis and Gilbert. A third son, Jean-Jacques is deceased but his son-in-law Didier Negrón is the current winemaker. Denis and his son Julien oversee the farming while Gilbert and his niece, Delphine run the office. It is quite the family affair!

The size of the domaine has grown slowly over the years with 18 hectares in Châteauneuf du Pape, 8 hectares in Lirac and 8 hectares in Côtes-du-Rhône. Most of their holdings in Châteauneuf-du-Pape are located in the northeastern part of the appellation, where the soils are sandier with a high concentration of limestone. They also own a few parcels in La Crau famous for its red clay under a deep layer of galets deposited from the alps eons ago. These two soil types combine to make wines that are equally rich and nuanced.

### ORIGIN

France

### APPELLATION

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

### SOIL

Sandy clay, rocky clay-limestone

### AGE OF VINES

50 years old (average)

### ELEVATION

50 meters

### VARIETIES

Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault

### FARMING

Sustainable

### FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, destemmed, fermentation in tank, 30 day maceration with daily delestage

### AGING

Aged 18 months in 25-40hl French oak foudres and neutral 600L French oak demi-muids

Since 2001 Didier Negrón has made the wines at Domaine Roger Sabon, but recently he's begun to move away from demi-muids and barriques in favor of aging his family's wines in concrete and large French oak foudres. While the terroir of Roger Sabon, with its high concentration of sand and limestone, has always been inclined to a more ethereal and delicate style of Châteauneuf, Didier's changes in the cellar have amplified these qualities – the wines have never been more engaging and lovely.

Each of the red Châteauneuf-du-Papes from Domaine Roger Sabon comes from a different collection of terroirs. In the case of Les Olivets, it is primarily from sandy limestone and rocky limestone soils in the northwestern part of the appellation - the lieux dits of Pradel and Les Devès d'Estouard. Always one of the best bargains in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Les Olivets is open-knot and vibrant being a Grenache-based blend with 10% each Cinsault & Syrah.

### ACCOLADES

93 – 2018 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Olivets – Wine Advocate

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