

DOMAINE ROGER SABON

Rhône by Roger Sabon



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

Côtes-du-Rhône

SOIL

Clay limestone, gravel

AGE OF VINES

50

ELEVATION

85 meters

VARIETIES

Grenache, Cinsault, Syrah

FARMING

Sustainable

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, destemmed, fermented in tank, 15 day maceration with daily remontage

AGING

5 months in tank and neutral wood barrels

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.

Domaine Roger Sabon owns 6 hectares of vines in the Côtes-du-Rhône appellation just over the Rhône river from Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Here they farm Grenache, Cinsault, and Syrah on gravelly clay soils. A short maceration and aging in tank and neutral wood preserves the juicy red and black fruit character of the wine. If you're looking for a perpetual sleeper that is also a bargain in our portfolio... well, let us know if you think it is something other than this wine.

ACCOLADES

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