



CLOS SAINT ANTONIN

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Clos Saint Antonin is a 15 hectare estate located outside the town of Jonquières within the Côtes-du-Rhône Village of Plan de Dieu. A short drive away from Courthézon where Domaine de la Janasse is situated, Clos Saint Antonin was purchased by the Sabon family in 2014. Small, compact and contiguous estates rarely come on the market in the Rhône, let alone ones planted on the classic red clays, galets and sand typical of Plan de Dieu. While it is quite common to see the famed estates of Châteauneuf-du-Pape looking over the Rhône river towards Lirac to expand their holdings, more and more are looking north to Plan de Dieu since this terroir is quite similar to what they find in their backyard. While the whole family is involved with its farming and winemaking, Isabelle Sabon is heading up this new project – one supplemented by some of her family's vineyards in Le Crau for the Clos Saint Antonin Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

SOIL

Sand

AGE OF VINES

50-70

ELEVATION

100 meters

VARIETIES

Grenache

FARMING

Practicing organic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, partially destemmed, fermented in concrete, 30 day maceration with pigeage and remontage

AGING

12 months in French oak demi-muids and foudres

St Antonin is the name of the 18th century Provençale Mas that stands in the center of the property an name that has been used in documents dating back to the time of Napoleon. Isabelle practices organic farming and her grapes are harvested by hand, partially destemmed and fermented by natural yeasts at Domaine de la Janasse.

Purchased by Aimé and Isabel Sabon in 2013, Clos Saint Antonin is a suitable name as the farmhouse and its surrounding vineyards are contiguous and partially enclosed – something rather rare in the Southern Rhône where diverse and scattered parcels are the norm. The one exception is a few hectares of Grenache planted on sand in Châteauneuf-du-Pape in the lieux-dits of La Fond du Loup and La Crau which we added to the estate from her family's holdings at Domaine de la Janasse. Partially destemmed (90%) and fermented by natural yeasts, this wine is aged in demi-muid and foudre from 12 months before release.

ACCOLADES

92-95 – 2020 Châteauneuf-du-Pape – Wine Advocate

93+ – 2019 Châteauneuf-du-Pape – Wine Advocate

94 – 2019 Châteauneuf-du-Pape – Jeb Dunnuck



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