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Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe, Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Grower

Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe has been run by the Brunier family for five generations, and since 1891. The estate's vineyards are situated on the famous "Plateau de la Crau", the stony terrace where there is nothing but "galets roulés", or rounded stones, as far as the eye can see. This special terroir imparts a highly distinctive minerality to the wines. After more than 125 years in existence, the Domaine and its associated vineyards, guided by the fifth and the sixth generations of vigneron, have kept all of its initial philosophy very much alive.

Vineyards

The stony Plateau de la Crau, in the south-east of the appellation, where the villages of Bédarrides, Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Courthézon meet. Molasse from the Miocene epoch (1-1.5m in depth) sitting on a thick layer of clay with high stone content, and covered by the pebble blanket of Alpine diluvium generally known as "galets roulés". Vines 70 years on average.

Vinification

Gentle pressing and selective destemming, followed by 30-40 days' traditional fermentation in temperature-controlled stainless-steel and wooden vats. Pneumatic pressing, then systematic malolactic fermentation. Matured for 20-22 months in French oak foudres (60hl). Bottled unfinned and unfiltered, then released at 2 years.

Style

A classic red Châteauneuf-du-Pape, very fine and elegant. The best vintages will age for 25 years and more.



Grape varieties:

65% Grenache Noir, 15% Mourvèdre, 15% Syrah, Cinsault, Clairette and sundry others 5%

Bottling options: 37.5cl, 75cl, 1.5l, 3l

ABV: 14.5%

Closure: Cork

Vegetarian: Yes

Vegan: Yes

