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Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe, Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Piedlong 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 vignerons, have kept all of its initial philosophy very much alive.

Vineyards

For the Grenache grapes, the stony Piedlong Plateau in the heart of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC area, north of the village, and the highest point in the production area (128m). For the Mourvèdre, the Pignan lieu-dit, east of Piedlong. For 22 acres, the Piedlong lieu-dit: Molasse from the Miocene epoch (1-1.5m in depth) sitting on a thick layer of clay with a high stone content, and covered by the pebble blanket of Alpine diluvium generally known as "galets roulés". For 5 acres, the Pignan lieu-dit, well-known as one of the few parts of the AOC area with sandy topsoil, and sitting on a mixture of clay, sand and friable stone called "pierre de Châteauneuf".

Vinification

Grapes are hand-picked, with double sorting at the vine and a third sorting in the winery. Gentle crushing and selective destemming followed by at least 30 days' traditional fermentation in concrete and wooden vats. Pneumatic pressing, then systematic malolactic fermentation. Matured for 20-22 months in French oak foudres (60 hl), bottled without filtration or fining. Marketed at 2 years.

Style

a Châteauneuf-du-Pape perfectly pitched between richness, freshness, robustness and femininity, velvet and minerality.

Grape varieties:

70-year-old Grenache Noir (90%)
and 50-year-old Mourvèdre (10%)

Bottling options: 75cl

ABV: 14.5%

Closure: Cork

Vegetarian: Yes

Vegan: Yes

