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Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe, Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc

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 Couthézon meet. 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". Vine age is 45 years on average.

Vinification

Grapes are hand-picked, with double sorting at the vine, then a third sorting. Pneumatic pressing, then static settling. Fermented in barriques, demi-muids and 30 hl foudres. Matured on the lees in barriques, demi-muids and 30 hl foudres. Bottled at 1 year.

Style

A member of the classic school of white Châteauneuf-du-Pape: more floral than fruity aromas, and characterised by balance and freshness. It might dip in form between four and eight years, but the best vintages age as well as the reds.

Grape varieties:

40% Clairette, 25% Grenache Blanc,
25% Roussane and 10% Bourboulenc

Bottling options: 75cl

ABV: 13.5%

Closure: Cork

Vegetarian: Yes

Vegan: Yes

