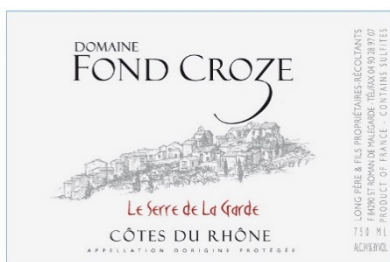


DOMAINE FOND CROZE « Le Serre de La Garde » Côtes du Rhône Rouge 2018 Single Vineyard - GPS 44.072, 4.95973



Domaine Fond Croze's 2018 'Le Serre de La Garde' Côtes du Rhône is a brilliant wine. The nose introduces itself with fresh wild berries such as cherries and blueberries, that are only heightened by notes of nuanced spices and lavender. The wine coats your palate with its full-bodied texture which counterbalances itself with the light and delicate notes that follow from the nose. Consulting winemaker Philippe Cambie, named in 2010 as Winemaker of the Decade by Robert Parker, is the driving force behind the wine's style.

ORIGIN

Rhône Valley, France

APPELLATION

Côtes du Rhône

VINEYARD

40-year old vines from
Lieu-dit "Serre de la Garde"
Certified organic practices
since 2009 (European
standards)

BLEND

70% Grenache Noir
30% Syrah

FARMING

Hand-harvested and sorted
separately based on ripeness.

WINEMAKING

Each varietals is vinified
separately before blending

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.5% Alc. |

2018's Rhône Valley season began with rains that rejuvenated the vineyards after the long drought from the previous vintage. It triumphed through a wetter June, which led to an incredibly successful harvest.

Serre de la Garde is a lieu-dit with 40-year-old vines that sit in chalky clay soils on northwest-facing slopes in the south of the appellation. They face the slopes of Saint Roman de Malegarde (named for a Knights Templar outpost) in the southern Côtes du Rhône. With a blend of 70% Grenache Noir and 30% Syrah, the wine is only bottled when it reaches its full aromatic potential.

This cuvée is the culmination of work from three generations. After returning from World War I, Charles Long first purchased the land. His son, Raymond, expanded the vineyards and today, his sons Bruno and Daniel produce the wine at Domaine Fond Croze.

ACCOLADES

2018 - International Wine Report – 92 points

"The 2018 Côtes du Rhône 'Le Serre de la Garde' from Domain Fond Croze is composed of 70% Grenache and 30% Syrah. It begins with lovely aromatics of cherries and blueberries, which are accented by exotic spices, red licorice and lavender nuances. On the palate this possesses a full-bodied texture, but remains light and seamless, structure with round, polished tannins that coat the finish. This is an absolutely delicious wine from Fond Croze that should drink beautifully in its youth and with some bottle age." -I.W.R.

