

DOMAINE LA SOUMADE

AOC RASTEAU 2017

Single Estate – GPS 44.21671, 4.97247



Domaine la Soumade's 2017 Rasteau is a darker fruit style cuvée. Notes of spices and cedar wood perfume from the glass as your palate will be saturated by its elegant, polished, and mind blowing balance. Enjoy for the next five years.

2017's Southern Rhône Vintage is full of structured and age worthy wines. The summer was a bit warmer than usual meaning that the fruits ripened quickly whilst remaining healthy. Due to this, the region produced wines full of natural freshness.

André Roméro's Domaine La Soumade is the heart of the Rasteau appellation in the Southern Rhône Valley. Through his efforts, the name and quality of Rasteau wines now command attention around the world. His Grenache and Syrah vines are located around the village of Rasteau, in clay and limestone soils well suited to these varietals, allowing a pure expression of its incredible terroirs. Consulting winemaker Stéphane Derenoncourt, the guru of Saint-Émilion, adds to the prestige of this cuvée. Handpicked grapes from 10 to 30-year old vines are sorted again in the winery, and the final wine is bottled perfection: dark berry and plum aromas blend with southern herbs and peppery notes, and in the mouth the wine shows a full body, refined structure and a nice underlying mineral touch.

Domaine la Soumade is the story of one man, André Roméro, a passionate wine lover who founded the Domaine in 1979. Today he and his son, Frédéric, work to continue the tradition of creating beautifully balanced wines filled with a signature finesse. A new winery was built in 2002 and Stéphane Derenoncourt was brought on as the consultant winemaker. (Stéphane was declared by Wine Spectator in November 2010 to be the "the world's hottest winemaker.")

ACCOLADES

2017 Wine Enthusiast - 92 Points

2017 Wine Advocate - 91 Points

2017 Jeb Dunnuck - 90 Points

"Whiffs of dried thyme, sage and charred earth lend a savory balance to penetrating cassis and cherry flavors. A Grenache-dominant blend with Syrah and Mourvèdre, it's gorgeously primary in fruit character yet finessed and firm in structure, too. Gripping, almost fiery tannins should meld nicely through 2030." –W.E.

ORIGIN

Rhône Valley

APPELLATION

AOC Rasteau

VINEYARD

10-30 year old vines planted in clay-limestone soils

BLEND

60% Grenache Noir;
30% Syrah;
10% Mourvèdre

FARMING

Hand-harvested and sorted in the vineyard
Agriculture raisonnée

WINEMAKING

Pump over while in tank; 18 months on lees. No wood aging.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.5% Alc. |

