

DOMAINE LA SOUMADE « CUVÉE CONFIANCE »

AOC RASTEAU 2018

Single Estate – GPS 44.21671, 4.97247



ORIGIN

Rhône Valley, France

APPELLATION

Rasteau

VINEYARD

50-100-year-old vines planted in blue clay soils

BLEND

70% Grenache
20% Syrah
10% Mourvèdre

FARMING

Hand-harvested and sorted in the vineyard
Agriculture raisonnée

WINEMAKING

Pump over while in tank

AGING

18 months on lees in demi-muids

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.5% Alc. |

Domaine La Soumade's 2018 'Cuvée Confiance' Rasteau will introduce itself to you with a deeply concentrated red. Notes of mouthwatering cherry stand tall with the backdrop of crushed stones, garrigue, and coffee grinds to support it. Its finish is long and accompanied by bright acidity.

2018's Southern Rhône Vintage enjoyed a very hot and dry summer, resulting in juicy, generous reds and whites, with outstanding outcomes. Domaine de l'Espigouette's wines are structured and age worthy.

Cuvée Confiance is Domaine La Soumade's top cuvée made from their oldest vines, 50-100 years old. Hand-harvested when at their optimum ripeness, the grapes are hand-sorted in the vineyard and then again at the winery. After fermentation, the wine is aged 18-months in demi-muids.

Founded by André Roméro in 1979, Domaine La Soumade has since grown to include his son Frédéric joining the winery team in 1996, a new modern winery in 2002, and that same year, a partnership with reknown consultant Stéphane Derenoncourt. Through their joined efforts, the name and quality of Rasteau wines now command the attention of the world. The estate covers 64 acres in Rasteau and 3 acres in Gigondas. "Agriculture raisonnée" is practiced in all the vineyards, which means that the vines are only treated when it is absolutely necessary. By doing so, it maximizes the characteristic of the clay-limestone terroir.

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

2018 Decanter Magazine – 91 Points

2018 Wine Enthusiast – 93 Points (Cellar Selection)

«A powerful blend of 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre, this deeply concentrated red highlights pulsating black-cherry flavor against a backdrop of crushed stones, garrigue and coffee grinds. Sourced from 50- to 100-year-old vines and vinified and matured in wood, it's muscular but framed by brisk acidity and a long, gripping finish. At peak from 2023–2030.» –W.E.

