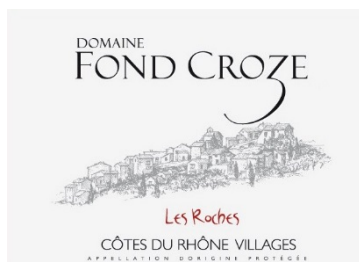


# DOMAINE FOND CROZE « Les Roches » 2017

## AOC CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES

### Single Estate – GPS 44.27047, 4.96229



#### ORIGIN

Rhône Valley, France

#### APPELLATION

AOC Côtes du Rhône Villages

#### VINEYARD

40-year old vines in clay-limestone soils

#### BLEND

100% Syrah

#### FARMING

Hand-harvested and sorted separately based on ripeness.

#### AGING

Aged in oak barrels for 12-months

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.5% Alc. |

In Domaine Fond Croze's 2017 Côtes du Rhône Villages 'Les Roches', you can simply taste the sunshine. Raspberry and strawberries aromas will invite you to take your first sip where flavors of cherry and brambleberry will paint joy across your palate. The finish lingers with a whisper of minerality and the touch of tea leaf and clove.

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.

100% Syrah vines are planted on a 16-acre plateau in the Southern Rhône, near the Rasteau appellation. The red clay soils here are rich and absorb water slowly, with a well-oxygenated high iron content. The roots are thus well-aerated and avoid having wet feet, yet thanks to clay's water retention capacity, they are kept hydrated during the Rhône Valley's hot summers.

Consulting winemaker Philippe Cambie (Robert Parker's 2010 Winemaker of the Year) brings his trade-mark touch to the wine. Aged in oak barrels for a year to smooth out the tannins and add a rounding quality to the wine.

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

**2017 Wine Enthusiast – 91 Points (Editors' Choice)**

*"Sunny but pristine raspberry and strawberry aromas introduce this perfumed expression of varietal Syrah from the Southern Rhône. Sourced from clay-limestone soils, its brambleberry and cherry flavors are joyously pure. The finish is lifted by a spray of minerality and lingering twists of tea leaf and clove."* –W.E.

