

DOMAINE LA SOUMADE

AOC RASTEAU 2018

Single Estate – GPS 44.21671, 4.97247



Domaine la Soumade's 2018 Rasteau is a fragrant experience. Notes of garrigue and red raspberries explode from the glass. The palate is silky in texture and refreshing through the finish. Drink now or for years to come.

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.

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

2018 Wine Enthusiast - 90 Points

"Soumade's entry-level Rasteau offers rich preserved black plums and cherries speckled by espresso bean, sweet spice and earth. A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre sourced from young vines (10 to 30 years old) and vinified and matured entirely in stainless steel, it's concentrated but juicy, framed by a fresh mineral lift and soft, furry tannins." –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

15% Alc. |

