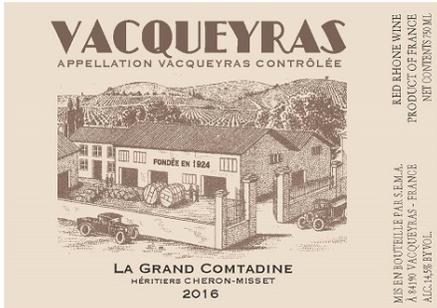


LA GRAND COMTADINE

AOC VACQUEYRAS 2018

Single Estate - GPS 44.158738, 4.987336



ORIGIN

Southern Rhône, France

APPELLATION

AOC Vacqueyras

VINEYARD

35 hl/ha of 50-year old Grenache vines;
25-year old Syrah vines
Chalky-clay soils

BLEND

70% Grenache
30% Syrah

WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested grapes, de-stemmed, sorted in the vineyard and again at the winery. Long-vatting for 25-days to maximize extraction in temperature-controlled tanks.

AGING

Aging is done in subterranean cement tanks for several months before bottling.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.5% Alc. |

La Grand Comtadine's 2018 Vacqueyras is a full bodied, concentrated experience. Perfumes of violet and black-current perfume from the glass as the palate is dazzled by its incredible minerality and pure fruit quality. Its strength is balanced by its softness and will only continue to evolve and grow with each year.

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.

These 50 year old Grenache and 25 year old Syrah vines sit in a mixture of chalky clay soils. After they are hand-harvested, destemmed, and sorted, they enter a long vatting period that lasts for 25 days in temperature controlled tanks. After, the cuvée is aged in subterranean cement tanks for several months fore bottled.

Denis Cheron, originally from Burgundy's Côtes du Nuits, fell in love with the region and potential of Vacqueyras and bought La Grand Comtadine in the 1960's. Using his knowledge of Burgundian winemaking practices, Denis improved the conditions of the vineyards. His efforts were rewarded with healthy, quality grapes that had developed finesse and showed the terroir in the glass. Yves, Denis's son was also born in Burgundy. His formative experience with a single-varietal as delicate as Pinot Noir is manifested in the refined elegance he creates in an appellation often perceived as rustic. Yves took the vineyard care to the next level and introduced vineyard selection, lower yields, hand-harvesting and sorting. Varietals are vinified separately and in smaller quantities. Today, Yves's wines are rich, concentrated expressions of fruit and the terroir of the Vacqueyras.

ACCOLADES

2018 Wine Enthusiast - 93 Points

"Notes of violet and black-currant pastilles abound in this perfumed blend of Grenache (70%) and Syrah (30%). It's full bodied and richly concentrated but delightfully mineral and pure in fruit quality. Soft, delicately clinging tannins make it appealing immediately yet it's likely to gain spicy, earthen complexities well through 2028 and hold further." -W.E.

