



DOMAINE DU GRAND MONTMIRAIL VACQUEYRAS

This red Rhône wine is characterized by a rich, full body, matching its deep color. Red fruit aromas are peppered with spices and hints of violet. Grenache, the base grape variety, brings a full fruit profile and strength to the wine, while Syrah builds on this foundation, strengthening the whole with robust character and deeper aromas of licorice and warm spices.

Vacqueyras is an appellation in the Southern Rhône Valley, along the banks of the Ouvèze River, producing magnificent red wines in the style of its closest neighbors, Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Gigondas. It acquired the status of appellation as recently as 1990, and as a result is still one of the best-kept secrets of the Rhône Valley. As Robert Parker states: “One AOC that is exceptional is Vacqueyras. This is an up and coming star in the Southern Rhône.”

Denis Cheron acquired the Domaine du Grand Montmirail after moving to the Southern Rhône in the 1960s from Burgundy’s Côte de Nuits, where his son Yves was born and where he learned about winemaking with the delicate Pinot Noir grape. Yves took over operations in the 1980s. Yves’s philosophy is simple: small-production wines straight from the source. The domaine extends over hillsides and terraces of the Southern Rhone, including the appellations of Gigondas, Vacqueyras, and Beaumes de Venise.

ORIGIN

Rhône Valley, France

APPELLATION

AOC Vacqueyras (Rhône Valley Cru)

VINEYARD

Grenache vines aged 50+ yrs.
Syrah vines aged 20+ yrs.
Red clay soils with a high proportion of rocks
Yield: 35hL/ha

BLEND

65% Grenache
35% Syrah

FARMING

Hand-picked grapes are destemmed and lightly crushed.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: +/- 8-10 days

AGING

Aged for +/- 2 yrs. in subterranean tanks before maturing in bottles in a temperature-controlled cellar. Bottled on the property

ACCOLADES

2017 This wine has not yet been rated

2016 Wine Advocate: 93 points

2016 Vinous: 90/92 points

2016 Jeb Dunnuck: 92 points

2015 Wine Advocate: 93 points

2015 Jeb Dunnuck: 93 points

2015 Vinous: 90/92 points

2015 International Wine Report: 92 points

2015 Beverage Tasting Institute: 91 points

2013 Vinous: 90/92 points

2012, 11 International Wine Report: 90-92 points

2009 Wine Advocate: 92 points

