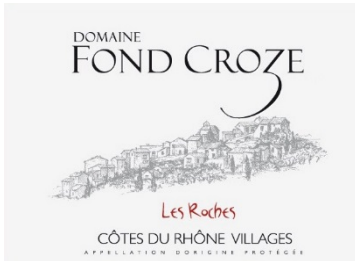


DOMAINE FOND CROZE « Les Roches » 2019

AOC CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES

Single Vineyard – GPS 44.27047, 4.96229



Domaine Fond Croze's 2019 'Les Roches' Côtes du Rhône Villages can be described as a mineral masterpiece. Aromas of dark fruits, spices, and incredible florals are supported by a tantalizingly velvety texture created through expertly crafted tannins that allow for the aromas and flavors to explode all the way through the finish.

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. |

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. Thanks to these clay-limestone soils, the vines are able to produce a fruit full of wonderful minerality due to the many nutrients and dissolved minerals.

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

2019 Wine Enthusiast – 93 Points (Editors' Choice)

