

DOMAINE LA SOUMADE « CUVÉE CONFIANCE »

AOC RASTEAU 2017

Single Estate – GPS 44.21671, 4.97247



ORIGIN

Rhône Valley, France

APPELLATION

Rasteau

VINEYARD

50-100-year-old vines planted in blue clay soils

BLEND

65% Grenache
25% Syrah
10% Mourvèdre

FARMING

Hand-harvested and sorted in the vineyard
Agriculture raisonnée

WINEMAKING

Pump over while in tank

AGING

18 months on lees in demi-muids

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

15% Alc. |

Domaine La Soumade's 2017 'Cuvée Confiance' Rasteau, is simply unparalleled. Aromas of violets, liquorice, blackberry fruits, and raspberry enchant the nose as the smooth, seamless palate, with expertly crafted tannins dazzle the taste buds. These same effects follow through with a long, gently vibrant finish.

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.

Cuvée Confiance is Domaine La Soumade's top cuvée made from their oldest vines, 50-100 years old. Hand-harvested when at their optimum ripeness, the grapes are hand-sorted in the vineyard and then again at the winery. After fermentation, the wine is aged 18-months in demi-muids.

Founded by André Roméro in 1979, Domaine La Soumade has since grown to include his son Frédéric joining the winery team in 1996, a new modern winery in 2002, and that same year, a partnership with reknown consultant Stéphane Derenoncourt. Through their joined efforts, the name and quality of Rasteau wines now command the attention of the world. The estate covers 64 acres in Rasteau and 3 acres in Gigondas. "Agriculture raisonnée" is practiced in all the vineyards, which means that the vines are only treated when it is absolutely necessary. By doing so, it maximizes the characteristic of the clay-limestone terroir.

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

2017 Wine Advocate – 94 Points

2017 Jeb Dunnuck – 92 Points

2017 Decanter Magazine – 91 Points

2017 Wine Enthusiast – 92 Points

« Made from 50- to 100-year-old vines, the 2017 Rasteau Cuvée Confiance is a foudre-aged blend of 65% Grenache, 25% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre. It shows more freshness than the younger-vine cuvées, featuring raspberry and garrigue notes on the nose. Still full-bodied and rich on the palate, it adds hints of chocolate on the long, velvety finish. Tasted twice (once blind), with generally consistent notes, although one bottle was a bit more chewy-tannic than the other. » –W.A.

