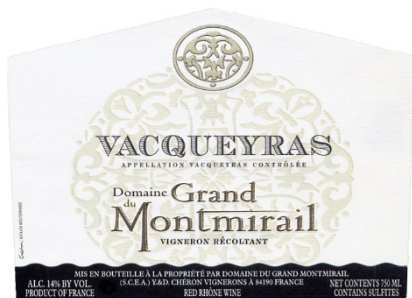


DOMAINE DU GRAND MONTMIRAIL

AOC VACQUEYRAS 2019

Single Estate – GPS 44.14721, 5.05586



ORIGIN

Rhône Valley, France

APPELLATION

AOC Vacqueyras

VINEYARD

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

BLEND

55% Grenache
45% 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

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14.5% Alc. |

Domaine du Grand Montmirail's 2019 Vacqueyras is a fruit forward, succulent wine. Its bouquet of black cherries and dark fruits is paired with its hints of black olive and licorice. The color, in all of its intensity, matches this cuvée's medium to full-bodied, concentrated, velvety texture. The finish is long and unwavering. Enjoy for years to come.

The 2019 Rhône Valley vintage challenged its winemakers. The winter was mild, and continued into a dry spring, which led to an early bud break. It was then met with an unexpected cold snap and a strikingly hot summer. However, they were able to pass Mother Nature's tests with such a concentrated, balanced, refreshing cuvée.

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 Rhône, including the appellations of Gigondas, Vacqueyras, and Beaugues de Venise.

ACCOLADES

2019 Wine Advocate – 92 Points

2019 Wine Enthusiast – 92 Points

"Warming notes of cardamom and clove mingle into plump red plums and black cherries in this wine. A blend of 55% Grenache and 45% Syrah, it's a concentrated red edged by black pepper and char. The finish lingers on penetrating, furry tannins and a kiss of heat. At peak now–2029." –W.E.

