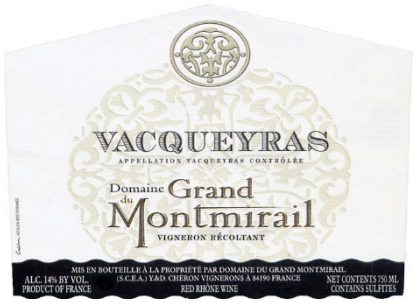
DOMAINE DU GRAND MONTMIRAIL
AOC VACQUEYRAS 2020
Single Estate – GPS 44.14721, 5.05586



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 2020 Vacqueyras is a complex wine. The nose is filled with blackcurrant and spice aromas. The smooth, full-bodied palate has intense notes of blackcurrant with hints of black cherry and prune. A fruit forward, succulent wine. The color, in all its intensity, matches this cuvée's medium to full-bodied, concentrated, velvety texture. The finish is long and unwavering. Enjoy with beef, lamb, game, etc.

2020's Southern Rhône vintage can be described as fresh, juicy, and immediate. When compared to the previous vintage, where you could taste the sun and heat-soaked vines, this year is distinctly different: refreshing, vibrant and deliciously drinkable. It's a perfect example of Mother Nature's contrasting ways.

Vacqueyras is an appellation in the Southern Rhône Valley, along the banks of the Ouveze 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.

ACCOLADES
2020 International Wine Report – 92 Points
2020 Jeb Dunnuck – 91 Points
"Based on 55% Grenache and 45% Syrah, the 2020 Vacqueyras just about screams Southern Rhône with its Provençal aromatics of red and black fruits, peppery garrigue, dried flowers, and hints of leather. As classic as they come, with medium to full body, ripe tannins, and a balanced, undeniably delicious style, it's perfect for enjoying over the coming 8-10 years."
2019 Wine Advocate – 92 Points
2019 Wine Enthusiast – 92 Points