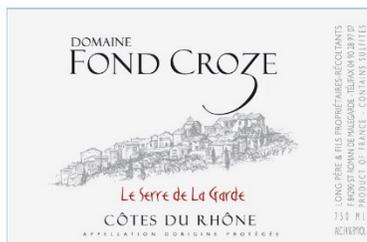


DOMAINE FOND CROZE

Côtes du Rhône Blanc « Le Serre de La Garde » 2020 Single Vineyard - GPS 44.072, 4.95973



ORIGIN

Rhône Valley, France

APPELLATION

Côtes du Rhône

VINEYARD

Lieu-dit “Serre de la Garde” Certified organic practices since 2009 (European standards)

BLEND

70% Grenache Blanc
15% Marsanne
15% Viognier

FARMING

Hand-harvested and sorted separately based on ripeness.

WINEMAKING

Each varietal is vinified separately before blending

Domaine Fond Croze’s ‘Le Serre de la Garde’ Côtes du Rhône Blanc is a shimmering pale wine with a brilliant shine displaying aromas of honey, fresh butter and white fruits such as peach. In the mouth it is fresh and balanced, direct and appreciated, with fruit notes and hints of vanilla appearing on the finish.

Rhone’s 2020 vintage was a test of a winemaker’s technical precision. The waving, unpredictable weather, challenged each one to think on their feet in a way that they hadn’t before. And the result is another great vintage.

Serre de la Garde is a lieu-dit (named vineyard) with chalky clay soils on northwest-facing slopes in the south of the appellation. The vines on this lieu-dit take root in rocky clay-limestone soils on the southwest-facing slopes of Saint Roman de Malegarde (named for a Knights Templar outpost) in the southern Côtes du Rhône. This fresh, cool terroir with less sun exposure is perfect for the white grape varieties Grenache Blanc (70%), Marsanne (15%) and Viognier (15%) that are picked and vinified separately. Only when each wine has reached its full aromatic potential is the cuvée blended.

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

2020 International Wine Report – 92 Points

“The 2020 ‘Serre de la Garde’ Côtes du Rhône Blanc opens to pretty aromas of sliced apple and honeycomb, along with hints of ginger and wild flowers. A very accessible white with a medium body and lovely overall mouthfeel and balance. While this is showing well today, it should continue to evolve over the next 5-7 years.” –I.W.R.

